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Sept. 19, 1982

The first meeting of the 1982-83 year of the Hammond Historical Society was opened at 2:30 p.m. by President Jerome Kutak. Twenty-nine members were present.

Mr. Kutak read a letter from former President Verlyn Mack asking that an effort be made to save the mural on the ceiling of the Parthenon Building and also any parts of that building that might be significant before it is demolished. Mr. Hindmarch asked if there was anyone present who knew who did the mural or who the architects of the building were? He is trying to check into this matter.

Another letter received from Purdue University asked the Society to contribute \$25 to the Fifth Annual History Day Competition among Calumet young people. The Society's Board agreed to donate \$25 towards this effort.

President Kutak called for a program committee report. Mr. Hindmarch stated that the October meeting had not been filled but that the meeting for November had been scheduled. One hundred beautiful slides .....?.....

Roger Reeder reported that there was \$1,726.79 in the treasury as of today. He also commented that quite a few books were sold and several new members added to our Society during the International Culture Festival.

President Kutak introduced the speaker for the day, Mr. Kenneth J. Schoon, who presented a slide program on the History of Munster, Indiana. Mr. Schoon collected and prepared the photographs for the book, TOWN ON THE RIDGE, A HISTORY OF MUNSTER, INDIANA, which was published last month.

Mr. Schoon emphasized that he considered this a personal history for he knew the history was far from a complete one. He stated that Munster was just a farm village a hundred years ago. There was only one street - Ridge Road. In 1907 the village was incorporated as a town. Cady Marsh covered the large southern portion of the town. Indians used Ridge Road as a trail. The first inn in Munster was the Allen H. Brass Tavern. In 1854 it was sold to John Stalborn (Sp.?). In 1924 the DAR placed a marker at the site which at present can be seen at the southeast corner of Columbia and Ridge Road.

In 1851 Peter Jabaay, a Dutchman and his wife came to Munster. He was attracted to the area because of the marshy land which reminded him of Holland. He sent for other families to join them. The Eldert Munster family and the Jacob Schoon family were among those that came from Holland. By 1869 there were small farms north of Ridge Road. Homes were built on the ridge and the farms extended to the Calumet River. All the southern part of the town was owned by Aaron N. Hart. In order to drain this land Mr. Hart built the Hart ditch. While inspecting the ditch, and against the advice of his engineers, some of the walls of the ditch collapsed and killed Mr. Hart. His wife and family completed the construction of the Hart ditch.



Jacob Munster started a general store in Munster which later became the Munster postoffice. Jacob Munster also started the Dutch Reformed Church which was then located at Ridge Road & Torrence Ave. This congregation eventually split. The Christian Reformed Church is now at Hohman & Ridge Road.

One of Mr. Schoon's slides showed a picture of Cornelius Schoon in a large field of his onion farm. At the present time this is the site of Jewel's parking lot at Calumet & Ridge Road.

One of the few remaining homes on the ridge where you can see the barn buildings is the Jabaay home at Hohman & Harrison Aves.

In 1879 Mr. Stalborn (Sp.?) who owned the Brass Inn died. In 1909 that building burned down.

In 1907 when the village was incorporated as a town, C.T. Schoon was its first clerk. In 1910 there were 543 residents in the town.

In 1914 Munster Public School was built and since then several additions have been added to it.

Some of the first sub-divisions in the town were Broadmoor, Hollywood and the Wicker Park Estates.

In 1927 Mt. Mercy Sanitarium was built. In that same year Calvin Coolidge dedicated Wicker Memorial Park.

In 1937 Munster adopted a Master Plan for the Town. Peter Tanis was very influential in this work.

Mr. Schoon commented that Munster residents have always been known for their volunteer efforts. In 1938 the first service club, The Lions Club, and the first Girl Scout Troup were organized.

After the war in 1945 Joe Burger opened his first grocery market which was very successful. Several more stores have been opened since that date.

About this time the first park was established and was named Community Park. Volunteers raised money to support it. Later the Munster Pool was added.

In 1952 the Carmelite organization purchased the old Mount Mercy Hospital and turned it into a Monastery.

The year of 1954 saw the worst flood in Munster's history. By 1958 Munster was no longer a farm village. The Simmons Plant was built. John Bunnell became the first Director of Public Works and was influential in developing the south part of the town.

In the late sixties a high school was built. Frank Hammond was active in the education field at this time.

By 1979 a Town Manager was hired. He has much the same responsibilities as a Mayor of a city. The new Town Hall was dedicated July 5, 1982. By this time most land north of 45th street is filled with residences and business. Questions now facing Munster are: What is to be the use of the land south of



45th street? Is it to be used for industry, business or residences? The other question is who will buy the old Town Hall? It is for sale for \$105,000 but with some restrictions. The Town Board wants the building kept almost as it is at the present time.

Mr. Schoon faulted Munster on only one point: People there are not interested in Munster's past. They have a Munster Historical Society but it does not hold meetings nor is it productive. He feels Ridge Road has a geological history. He is particularly happy to see special areas which are being developed are keeping hills and trees: Bieker Woods as a Nature Center is an example.

The meeting adjourned at 4 p.m. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Kathryn Thegze.

*Fern Arnold*  
*Acting Secretary*



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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 1982  
ATTENDANCE

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>PHONE</u>
Velma Hanish	6422 Van Buren Ave. Hammond	932-2293
Edward Hanish		
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Adamovich	405 Old Stone Rd, #6, Munster	836-4259
Dorothy Bemisderfer	5111 Sohl Ave. #113-A, Hammond	931-9307
Ruth Arnold	8806 Woodward Ave. Highland	923-2045
Florence Cleveland	8501-B Manor Ave. Munster	836-6174
Fern Arnold	8806 Woodward Ave. Highland	923-2045
Jean & Alfred Hayes	1740 Oliver St. Whiting	659-0454
Betty & Clare Gehrke	1732 Davis St. Whiting	659-6316
Geraldine R. Bartels	223 Timrick Dr. Munster	836-4174
Anna Wasyłowsky	223 Timrick Dr. Munster	836-4174
Thomas Rutkowski	1259 Memorial Dr. Calumet City	862-2889
Roger Reeder	260 - 165th St. Hammond	932-0400
Evainez Jonas	256 Detroit St. Hammond	932-5056
Kathryn Thegze	7435 Olcott Ave. Hammond	844-2022
Margaret Gunderson	6609 Jefferson Ave, Hammond	932-2754
Mr. & Mrs. T. M. Luney	8342 Schreiber Dr. Munster	838-5860
Roy Duke	927 Michigan St. Hammond	932-8768
Helena Ostrander	17933 Torrence Ave, Lansing	474-0970
Wanda Seevers	18257 Roy St. Lansing	474-3435
Hazel Lindstrom	410 Conkey St, Hammond	932-8459
Kevin Augustyn	7034 Birch Ave, Hammond	845-2926
Carol & Jerome Kutak	18 Glendale Pk, Hammond	836-2120
Marie Mott	6600 W. 25th Avenue, Gary	844-8575



HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1982

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The October meeting of the Hammond Historical Society was called to order by the president, Jerome Kutak at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, October 17, 1982 in the Community Room of the Hammond Public Library. Twenty-six members and friends signed the attendance sheet. Minutes of the September meeting were eliminated since they were summarized in the Bulletin.

Bert Hindmarch announced that the November meeting would feature Jim Tuffert with architectural slides and comments.

Roger Reeder reported a balance of \$1629.19 in the treasury. He also called attention to a film which will be shown on CBS on November 14, 16, and 17 entitled "The Blue and the Grey." Those interested in Civil War history may want to see this.

Bert Hindmarch introduced the speaker for the day, an instructor of English at Purdue Calumet, Joseph Bigott, who lectured and showed slides on "Artifact and Culture: Workingmen's Cottages and Growth of Hammond, Indiana, 1880-1910." Joseph Bigott received a Master of Arts degree at Notre Dame recently where his thesis was "Polish Americans and the Development of an Industrial Suburb: Calumet City, Illinois, 1891-1931." That was background for his comments on Hammond during much of the same period of time. He pointed out that artifacts are what you own on which you place a value. Workingmen's houses are their most important artifact from 1880 to 1905.

Mr. Bigott pointed out that Marcus Towle was the prime mover in building Hammond from 1869 forward. He devised a workingman's city with industrial log cabins. He owned the lumberyard and helped build a frame city, a barrack city, Spartan homes of four to six rooms, no bathrooms or plumbing, no central heating, balloon frame construction, mass produced because they were fast and inexpensive. He showed slides illustrating rows of these similar types of homes and how as the years went by they were changed to meet new conditions by adding rooms or a second floor.

During the 1880's, Hammond's growth was casual, not permanent residents but flowing in and out, 2/3 immigrants or children of immigrants and over half were males. In the 1890's the population became more diversified. 25% of the people working worked in the Hammond Packing House but other industries started like the pickle factory and several cigar works. People began to own their own homes and then stayed and organized city government to provide protection for their homes. Churches were established. Because land was available and cheaper, some of the 40,000 Poles in Chicago were enticed out to Calumet City and Hammond and settled here. They were a young, unskilled workforce, 70% from Germany and Poland, and 45% worked for G. H. Hammond until it burned down in 1903. This period of casual settlement was then followed by exotic growth in organized settlement with the coming of the W. B. Conkey Company--which is another story.



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The meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m. for refreshments and conversation.

Respectfully submitted,

*Marjorie Sohl*

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary



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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1982  
ATTENDANCE

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>PHONE</u>
Joseph Bigott	336 Pulaski Road, Calumet City	862-4202
Bert Hindmarch	7018 Knickerbocker, Hammond	844-3205
Harold Story	2020 Sherwood Lake Drive, Schererville	865-8494
Melvin & Emma Spangler	406 Avalon Drive, Dyer	865-1062
Margaret Gunderson	6609 Jefferson Ave, Hammond	932-2754
Mary Ruch	516 Waltham St, Hammond	931-2232
Fern Arnold	8806 Woodward Ave, Highland	923-2045
Jean & Alfred Hayes	1740 Oliver St, Whiting	659-0454
Conchetta Geis	7337 White Oak Ave, Hammond	845-4196
Stella Metzen	1534 - 174th St. Hammond	844-0693
Roy Duke	927 Michigan St. Hammond	932-8768
J. Ralston Miller	37 Waltham St. Hammond	932-9554
Nancy Miller		
Dorothy Bemisderfer	5111 Sohl Ave, Hammond	931- 9307
Wanda Seevers	18257 Roy St. Lansing	474-3435
Evainez Jonas	256 Detroit St. Hammond	932-5056
Hazel Lindstrom	410 Conkey St. Hammond	932-8459
John E Wilhelm	8750 Harrison Ave. Munster	886-2223
Roger Reeder	260 - 165th St. Hammond	932-0400
Mrs. G. W. Cravens	423 Florence St. Hammond	
Carol & Jerome Kutak	18 Glendale Park, Hammond	
Thomas Rutkowski	1259 Memorial Drive, Calumet City	
Marjorie Sohl	5615 Sohl Ave. Hammond	933-7424



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THE TIMES

Friday, November 19, 1982

## Session slated

HAMMOND — The Hammond Historical Society will have a discussion of the architecture of Addison C. Berry Sunday.

Jim Tufford will give a slide presentation at 2:30 p.m. at the community room of the Hammond Public Library, 564 State St. The public is invited.

The program also will feature discussion of Hammond High School architecture, the Haweswood Mansion in Crete, the home of Max L. Kline on Hohman Avenue in Hammond, and the Louis Klitzke residence on Kenwood Avenue.



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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 1982

The Hammond Historical Society met for a regular meeting on Sunday, November 21, 1982 in the Community Room of the Hammond Public Library. Twenty-four signed the attendance sheet. President Jerry Kutak called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. Minutes and treasurer's report were dispensed with and Bert Hindmarch announced there would be no meeting in December but he would give a program at the January meeting. (This was later changed when it was decided to present two video tapes of the library's "Between the Covers" regular weekly program on cable TV that concern the historical society.) Evainez Jonas announced the recent death of member Caroline Hohman for those who may have missed it in the newspaper. A memorial service was scheduled for Friday, November 26 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church at 1 p.m. Marjorie Sohl announced the library's regular weekly appearance now on Channel 25 Cable TV and encouraged those with access to cable to watch "Between the Covers" on Tuesday and Thursday at 8:30 p.m..

The program for today was a series of slides and commentary on them by Jim Tufford of Purdue Calumet on the architecture of Addison C. Berry. Mr. Tufford had worked with Mr. Berry's two daughters, Irene Krueger and Alice Broadway. They helped him identify many of the buildings their father had designed and Mr. Tufford photographed many of them. There are still many questions unanswered about Mr. Berry and Mr. Tufford indicated he was looking for some input from anyone present.

Mr. Addison Berry was born August 16, 1865 in Hackensack, N.J. He was an architect and a painter. In the 1900's he came to Chicago to study architecture and took a job with an architect and with the Museum of Science and Industry. In 1894 he met Jessie Fife but soon left for Des Moines, Iowa where he worked and painted water colors of the State Capitol. In 1899 he returned to Chicago and married Jessie Fife. They had a son William who worked with his father, and two daughters, Irene in 1904 and Alice in 1910. They lived on Mason Street. In 1915 he established the Addison C. Berry Company on Muenich Court. Some of the early buildings which Mr. Berry designed and Mr. Tufford showed pictures of some of them were:

Original First Baptist Church

Orpheum Theatre

Old Elk's Club - Currently McGee's

Bohling Auto Sales at corner of Douglas and Hohman

McHie Building for Overland Auto Sales, now owned by Schmueser

Northern Indiana Art Association Building, now torn down for the hospital expansion. It was designed by Berry to completely surround a building already there. 1910

K of P Hall - Originally the Lincoln-Jefferson College of Law

Rothchild home at 5713 Hohman - Now McCoy Funeral Home

Frank Betz home in 1911 - Now LaHayne Funeral Home

Philip Mosler House

Max Klein House - 6006 Hohman has tile roof and Swiss Chateau front, built 1921.

DePeister Apartments - 52 & 54 Ruth Street

Samuel Bell at 25 Highland, a Hammond Dentist

Harry Minas at 47 Highland



Calumet City Municipal Building at Wentworth & Pulaski.  
Original Memorial Park Building and Bathhouse, now replaced  
William Haase house in Forestdale Park  
Old Hammond Country Club - American Legion Hall now.  
Original Thornton Fractional North, when it burned down it  
was redesigned by Mr. Hutton.  
A. Murry Turner Home - 18 Glendale Park, now home of President  
Jerry Kutak  
Julius Meyn House - 50 Glendale Park  
Edward Bohling House - 64 Glendale Park, now home of Dean  
Theo. Bielefelt home on Forest south of Wildwood Mitchell  
Louis Klitzke, from Borden Dairy, at 20 Kenwood.  
Charles Perry House, 6531 Forest, 1931  
William Paxton House, Had a well which supplied much of south  
Hammond with water.  
Original Brooks House Chapel, now torn down  
Hawes Mansion in Crete, built in 1927-29 for \$295,000.

Berry died in St. Margaret's hospital Feb. 12, 1940 when he had  
his teeth extracted and is buried in Elmwood Cemetery.

The meeting adjourned with refreshments served.

Respectfully submitted,

*Marjorie Sohl*

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 1982  
ATTENDANCE

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>PHONE</u>
Douglas P. Werner	7528 Olcott Avenue, Hammond	844-4216
Evainez Jonas	256 Detroit St, Hammond	932-5056
Edward L. Hanish	6422 Van Buren Ave. Hammond	932-2293
Harold R. Story	2020 Sherwood Lake Dr. Scherervl.	865-8494
Judy Baran	18-169th St, Hammond	937-3946
Hazel Lindstrom	410 Conkey St, Hammond	932-8459
Jim Tufford	9315 Elmwood Dr. Munster	923-4241
Walter & Orlite Marquardt	17517 Shirley Drive, Lansing	895-1186
Conchetta Geis	7337 White Oak Ave, Hammond	845-4196
Ray Wiker	8118 Frederick Ave, Munster	
William Lennin	7149 Arizona Avenue, Hammond	844-7627
Bert Hindmarch	7018 Knickerbocker Pkwy, Hammond	844-3205
Eileen and Tom Luney	8342 Schreiber Drive, Munster	838-5600
Thomas Rutkowski	1294 Memorial Drive, C.C. Ill.	862-2389
Dorothy Bemisderfer	5111 Sohl, 113A, Hammond	931-0307
Jerry & Carol Kutak	18 Glendale Park, Hammond	
Bert Orr	5962 Park Place, Hammond	
J. Ralston Miller	37 Waltham St. Hammond	932-0554
Margaret Gunderson	6609 Jefferson Ave., Hammond	932-2754
Darel Dunsing	7509 Monroe Ave. Hammond	931-3110
Marjorie Sohl	5615 Sohl Ave. Hammond	933-7424



HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
SUNDAY, JANUARY 16, 1983

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The Hammond Historical Society met on Sunday, January 16, 1983 at 2:30 p.m. in the Hammond Public Library Community Room. President Jerome Kutak presided. Twenty-nine signed the attendance sheet.

Roger Reeder reported a treasury balance of \$1640.14. He also called attention to a poster received from the Indiana Historical Bureau promoting National History Day, celebrated on different dates in each of nine areas in Indiana. The local date is March 19 at Purdue Calumet.

Marjorie Sohl introduced the program for today and ran the video tape recorder which played on the large TV screen two of the half-hour video programs produced by the staff of the Hammond Public Library on their weekly broadcast on channel 25 cable TV. The first was a tour of historic and architectural highlights of Hammond led by Kevin Augustyn, Hammond City Planner, and based on his recently published book, Hammond Historical and Architectural Survey. The second tape was Alice Foster, hostess of the program "Between the Covers" interviewing Bert Hindmarch and Marjorie Sohl about the Hammond Historical Society Publications.

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 with refreshments served and a social hour enjoyed.

Respectfully submitted,

*Marjorie Sohl*

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

THE TIMES Monday, January 10, 1983

• Videotapes of Hammond architecture will be shown at 2:30 p.m. Jan. 16 at the Hammond Historical Society meeting at the Hammond Public Library, 564 State St.

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
SUNDAY, JANUARY 16, 1983  
ATTENDANCE

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<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>PHONE</u>
Charles McGregor	6921 Walnut, Hammond	845-0493
Thomas Rutkowski	1259 Memorial Dr, Calumet City	862-2889
Judy Baran	18-169th St. Hammond	937-3946
Ann Backe	544 Florence, Hammond	931-2485
Fern Arnold	8806 Woodward, Highland	923-2045
Ruth Arnold	8806 Woodward, Highland	923-2045
Florence Cleveland	8501-B Manor Ave, Munster	836-6174
Dorothy Bemisderfer	5111 Sohl, Hammond	931-9307
Peggy Dovey	1740 Oliver St, Whiting	659-0454
Jean & Alfred Hayes	1740 Oliver St, Whiting	659-0454
Kathryn Thegze	7435 Olcott Ave, Hammond	844-2022
George M. Chigas	7032 Delaware, Hammond	844-8063
Roger Reeder	7014 Forest Ave, Hammond	932-0400
Edward L. Hanish	6422 Van Buren, Hammond	932-2293
Velma L. Hanish	6422 Van Buren, Hammond	932-2293
Melvin Spangler	506 Avalon Dr. Dyer	865-1062
Emma Spangler	506 Avalon Dr. Dyer	865-1062
J. K. Ebert	6637 Jackson, Hammond	932-3029
Kevin Augustyn	7034 Birch, Hammond	845-2926
Betty & Clarence Gehrke	1732 Davis, Whiting	659-6316
Hazel Lindstrom	410 Conkey, Hammond	932-8459
Madeline Bach	6930 White Oak, Hammond	845-9477
Conchetta Geis	7337 White Oak, Hammond	845-4196
Alice M. Bollin	7317 Magoun, Hammond	845-2697
Isabel Webb	7019 Northcote, Hammond	844-4113
J. F. Kutak	18 Glendale Park, Hammond	
Marjorie Sohl	5615 Sohl Ave, Hammond	933-7424



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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
SUNDAY, February 20, 1983

The Hammond Historical Society met on Sunday, February 20, 1983 in the Hammond Public Library Community Room at 2:30 p.m. Thirty-four members and friends signed the attendance sheet.

President Jerome Kutak presided. He announced that tickets are now available from the six committee members for the Hammond Achievement Award Dinner on Tuesday, April 12 honoring Judge Luther Swygert. He encouraged support of it by our membership.

Conchetta Geis announced that the annual meeting of the society will be held in May at the Hyde Park Methodist Church, the date yet to be set convenient to the church women who will cook it.

Bert Hindmarch announced that the tour this year will be planned for September and will probably include a visit to the Botanic Gardens and a tour of the Russell Street Court House. He said he needed a program yet for next month and appealed for volunteers or suggestions.

The meeting was then turned over to Bert Hindmarch who presented a program on "The Pullman/Chicago Strike in 1894 and its Effect on Hammond." He had a collection of slides appropriate to the subject and commented on them. He gave a history of the strike with special emphasis on the part that occurred in Hammond.

The meeting adjourned followed by a social hour and refreshments.

Respectfully submitted,

*Marjorie Sohl*

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1983  
ATTENDANCE

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<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>PHONE</u>
Charles McGregor	6921 Walnut Street, Hammond	845-0493
Mr/Mrs. Daryl Dunsing	7509 Monroe Ave, Hammond	931-3110
Hazel Lindstrom	410 Conkey St. Hammond	932-8459
Doug Werner	7528 Olcott Ave, Hammond	844-4216
Tom Sliwa	7522 McCook Ave, Hammond	844-1831
Saul Lerner	1543 - 170th St. Hammond	845-1279
Mrs. Ida Lucas	8413 Greenwood, Munster	923-4402
John J. Lucas	8413 Greenwood, Munster	923-4402
Roland (Ron) M. Clarke	7519 Jackson Ave, Hammond	931-5964
Rosemary Clarke	7519 Jackson Ave, Hammond	931-5964
Kathryn Thegze	7455 Olcott Ave, Hammond	844-2022
Jim Tufford	9315 Elmwood Drive, Munster	923-4241
J. K. Ebert	6637 Jackson Ave, Hammond	932-3029
Roy Duke	927 Michigan Street, Hammond	932-8768
Dorothy Bemisderfer	5111 Sohl, Apt. 113A, Hammond	931-9307
Helen Broadhurst	6760 Indiilli, Hammond	933-0715
Alice Bollin	7317 Magoun Ave, Hammond	845-2697
Isabel Webb	7019 Northcote Ave, Hammond	844-4113
Melvin Spangler	506 Avalon Drive, Dyer	865-1062
Emma Spangler	506 Avalon Drive, Dyer	865-1062
Velma Hanish	6422 Van Buren Ave, Hammond	932-2293
Edward Hanish	6422 Van Buren Ave, Hammond	932-2293
Roger Reeder	260 - 165th Street, Hammond	932-0400
Mr/Mrs. John Wilhelm	8750 Harrison Ave, Munster	836-2223
Marie Mott	6600 W. 25th Avenue	844-8575
Madeline Bach	6930 White Oak Ave, Hammond	845-9477
Conchetta Geis	7337 White Oak Ave, Hammond	845-4196
Carol & Jerry Kutak	18 Glendale Park, Hammond	836-2120
Margaret Gunderson	6609 Jefferson Ave, Hammond	
Thomas Rutkowski	1259 Memorial Drive, Calumet City	
Marjorie Sohl	5615 Sohl Ave, Hammond	933-7424



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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
SUNDAY, MARCH 20, 1983

The Hammond Historical Society met on Sunday, March 20, 1983 in the Hammond Public Library Community Room at 2:30 p.m. Twenty-one signed the attendance sheet.

Announcement of the date of the annual meeting for Wednesday, May 18 was made by Conchetta Geis. Details for reservations and price will follow at the April meeting and in the Newsletter.

Tickets were made available for the Fourth Annual Hammond Achievement Award Dinner on Tuesday, April 12 for \$18 each. Members were urged to support this affair which we sponsor jointly with the Hammond Rotary Club.

The speaker for today's meeting, William Lannin, was introduced by Mr. Kutak. Mr. Lannin is a director of the Hessville Historical Society and presented a history of the Little Red School House now operated by them. Mr. V. E. Iliff, now 91 years old, was the founder and guiding force through the whole development of the Little Red School House since the activity to develop it started back in 1970. At that time few were aware that this little building near the corner of 169th and Kennedy, built in 1869, was originally a school house. Mr. Dedelow was at that time the only known living student and a taped interview with him is now kept at the school house. The official name of the school was the Joseph Hess School House. It now is the oldest standing one room school in Lake County and the oldest restored building in the county. It was built in 1869 from limestone and bricks quarried and made locally.

The school was built for the newly founded small German community. Joseph Hess, its founder, was the postmaster and ran a general store. Mr. Ferguson was the first teacher, paid \$18 for a three month term for teaching first thru eighth grades. Later a second story was added and German was taught on the second floor.

Mr. Lannin showed some pictures of the early school, some including Mr. Dedelow as a student and a Mr. Gauthrie, a teacher, and Ola Mann, a teacher. He also had an 1873 map of Lake County that showed Hessville, Gibson, and Robertsdale, before Hammond existed.

Mr. Lannin listed some of the uses for the building after it was not used as a school: William J. Bryant headquarters, William McKinley celebration upon election, a dance hall on Saturday nights, a church on Sunday mornings, a funeral parlor, and a community meeting place. A Mr. Glumbach used it as a private residence and took the second floor off. For many years it sat empty and deteriorating. The deed showed that the property was given to Joseph Hess in 1872 for use as a school. The deed contained the official town of Hessville seal.

The authentic restoration was helped by inside pictures of the early school house. Five or six of the original desks had been removed and stored in the Concordia Luthern Church nearby. They are now in the restored schoolroom. Wainscoating from the old Lafayette school before it was torn down was used in the restoration because it was from almost the same period.

The Hessville Historical Society acquired the property from Humble Oil Company for \$10. \$20,000 needed to move and restore the building was raised from public subscription and fund raising projects, dinners and adult dances. Now funds are raised annually by a festival held on a weekend near July 4. On May 1, 1976 the school house was used for a reception for Ronald Reagan as he was campaigning. A picture of Mr. Iliff and Don Felte with Reagan and Jimmy Steward accompanying him now hangs in the school house. Outdoor landscaping and inside a stage have been added since the restoration. Funds are continually sought for the upkeep of the building which is available for tours as well as use as a meeting place.

The meeting adjourned for refreshments and a social hour.

Respectfully submitted,

*Marjorie Sohl*

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary



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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
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ATTENDANCE

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Madeline Bach	6930 White Oak, Hammond	845-9477
Conchetta Geis	7337 White Oak, Hammond	845-4196
Karen Gross Sarunicki	3025 97th Place, Highland	924-7135
Thomas E. Rutkowski		
Roy Duke	927 Michigan St, Hammond	932-8760
J. Eebert	6637 Jackson Ave. Hammond	832-3029
Melvin Spangler		
Emma Spangler	506 Avalon Drive, Dyer	865-1062
V. E. Iliff	2530 - 169th Street, Hammond	
Harold R. Story	2020 Sherwood Lake, Dr. Schererville	865-8494
Jif Tufford	9315 Elmwood Dr. Munster	923-4241
Irene Stewart	3435 - 172nd St. Hammond	845-0344
Vivian Ward	7417 Parrish Ave. Hammond	845-1929
Julia Lannin	7149 Arizona Ave. Hammond	844-7627
William Lannin	7149 Arizona Ave. Hammond	844-7627
J. R. Miller	37 Waltham St. Hammond	932-0554
Mary Ruch	516 Waltham St. Hammond	931-2232
Kevin Augusyn	7034 Beech Ave. Hammond	845-2926
Kathryn Thegze	7435 Olcott Ave. Hammond	844-2022

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
SUNDAY, MARCH 20, 1983  
ATTENDANCE

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>PHONE</u>
Bert Hindmarch	7018 Knickerbocker, Hammond	844-3205
Marie Mott	6600 W. 25th Avenue, Gary	844-8575
Madeline Bach	6930 White Oak, Hammond	845-9477
Conchetta Geis	7337 White Oak, Hammond	845-4196
Karen Gross Sarunicki	3025 97th Place, Highland	924-7135
Thomas E. Rutkowski		
Roy Duke	927 Michigan St, Hammond	932-8760
J. Eebert	6637 Jackson Ave. Hammond	832-3029
Melvin Spangler		
Emma Spangler	506 Avalon Drive, Dyer	865-1062
V. E. Iliff	2530 - 169th Street, Hammond	
Harold R. Story	2020 Sherwood Lake, Dr. Schererville	865-8494
Jif Tufford	9315 Elmwood Dr. Munster	923-4241
Irene Stewart	3435 - 172nd St. Hammond	845-0344
Vivian Ward	7417 Parrish Ave. Hammond	845-1929
Julia Lannin	7149 Arizona Ave. Hammond	844-7627
William Lannin	7149 Arizona Ave. Hammond	844-7627
J. R. Miller	37 Waltham St. Hammond	932-0554
Mary Ruch	516 Waltham St. Hammond	931-2232
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## BRIEF HISTORY

The Hammond Achievement Award was originated as a way for the City of Hammond to honor and give recognition each year to a living man or woman who was born, raised or educated in Hammond or spent a significant number of years in Hammond; who has achieved national or international fame in the field of the arts, science or business and industry; and who was not from the same field of endeavor as the previous awardee. A plaque bearing the seal of Hammond and of the United States and listing the major achievements of the recipient will be on permanent display by the Hammond Historical Society in the Community Room of the Hammond Public Library.

The first award was presented in 1980 to Irv Cross, former professional football star and current CBS sportscaster and business executive.

The second award was presented in 1981 to Jean Shepherd, nationally known author and humorist, radio and TV producer and director and public speaker.

The third award was presented in 1982 to Dean H. Mitchell, former chief executive officer of Northern Indiana Public Service Company and local, state and national leader in the gas and electric industry and organizations.

This year, 1983, we honor Judge Luther M. Swygert, distinguished lawyer, U.S. District Judge and U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals Judge, law lecturer, and organization advisor.

Sponsored by:  
**Hammond Rotary and Hammond Historical Society**

## ANNUAL HAMMOND ACHIEVEMENT AWARD DINNER



## THE PEOPLE VERSUS JUDGE LUTHER SWYGERT

April 12, 1983



## PROGRAM

INVOCATION ..... Jack Rogers

PRESIDING JUDGE ..... Judge Richard Maroc

WITNESSES ..... Tim Galvin  
Joe Morrow  
Bill Travis

### PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Keys to the City of Hammond .. Mayor Edward J. Raskosky

Hammond Historical Society President ..... Jerome Kutak

Hammond Rotary Club President ..... Robert Hirsch

REBUTTAL ..... Judge Luther Swygert

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## LUTHER SWYGERT

Born on a Miami County, Indiana, farm in 1905 to Katherine and Irvan W. Swygert, Luther Merritt graduated from Gilead High School, University of Notre Dame, and in 1927 received a LL.B. degree Magna Cum Laude from the Notre Dame School of Law.

Swygert practiced law for a year in Michigan City, Indiana, moved to Hammond and joined William L. Travis for a year before he practiced alone. He helped organize and was the first president of the Young Men's Democratic Club. From 1931 to 1934 he served as deputy prosecuting attorney for Lake County and then was appointed assistant U.S. attorney of the Northern District of Indiana.

In 1943, President Franklin D. Roosevelt appointed him U.S. District Judge for the Northern District of Indiana. He served on the court for 18 years, becoming chief judge of the district in 1954.

In 1961, President John F. Kennedy appointed him to the U.S. 7th Circuit Court of Appeals; he became chief circuit judge in 1970. After reaching mandatory retirement age of 70 in 1975, he has continued to hear cases on appeal in the circuit court, in addition to accepting appeal appointments outside of his home circuit.

Over the years, Judge Swygert has served on various committees of the U.S. Judicial Conference. He has been a lecturer at the Notre Dame Law School and served as a member of its alumni board of directors.

He has been awarded honorary Doctor of Laws degree from Valparaiso, Notre Dame and, most recently, Stetson University Law School in St. Petersburg, Florida, where his son, Michael, is on the faculty.

Judge Swygert has also been a member of the board of the Dunes Art Foundation; the advisory board of St. Margaret's Hospital; a board member and president of the Adult Education Council of Greater Chicago; a member of the board of visitors, an advisory board to the law faculty of the Valparaiso University School of Law; and an advisor to the Wedgewood Society of Chicago.

A Hammond resident until 1951, Judge Swygert and his wife, Gari, live in Dunes Acres, Chesterton, Indiana. He has two grandsons, 16 and 6.



HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
SUNDAY, APRIL 17, 1983

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The Hammond Historical Society meeting was held on Sunday, April 17, 1983 in the Community Room of the Hammond Public Library at 2:30 p.m. Bert Hindmarch presided in the absence of President Jerome Kutak. Thirty-two signed the attendance sheet.

Announcement was made of the annual meeting next month, Wednesday, May 18, at the Hyde Park Methodist Church. The speaker will be Professor Charles Tinkham of the English Department at Purdue Calumet reading original poems regarding Hammond and the Calumet Region. Cost of the dinner will be \$6.00.

Roger Reeder reported a treasury balance of \$1716.80. Dues are due the end of May and are payable anytime now.

Bert Hindmarch introduced the speaker, Alex Miklusak, Sales Manager of Radio Station JJOB, to give a history of the station. Mr. Miklusak elaborated on the following important dates in the life of WJOB.

- 1923 - Lawrence Krawlie constructed a transmitter in Joliet primarily to advertise the bands and vocalists at the Alamo Dance Hall in Joliet. Then it was WWAE, 1320 on the dial.
- Nov. 10, 1923 - First broadcast.
- August, 1924 - Moved to 1240 on the dial.
- May, 1925 - Moved to Plainfield, Illinois to the area called Electric Park. It was his home.
- Dec. 1926 - Moved to South Wabash Street
- August, 1927 - Sold to Dr. George Currey
- Nov. 10, 1928 - Hammond Calumet Broadcasting bought it, and moved it to Fayette and Hohman in Hammond.
- June 25, 1940 - Sold to R. E. Richardson
- March, 1935 - Moved to 5219 Hohman
- 1938 - Moved to 5935 Hohman
- March, 1941 - Changed to WJOB, 1230 on the dial.
- July 31, 1941 - Built a new transmitter at 449 State, Millikan Bldg.
- Oct. 31, 1941 - First broadcast from the new location.
- Dec. 12, 1946 - Changed Hammond Calumet Broadcasting to South Shore Broadcasting Company
- 1956 - Moved to newly constructed transmitter and station on Olcott Avenue, Hammond
- Dec. 30, 1960 - Purchased by Julian Colby and became WJOB.

The station has become known as a leading radio station, employing 45 and staffed by many outstanding people. Millie Pilot has won the Communicator of the year award and the Outstanding Broadcaster of the year award. The news department was commended for its coverage of the Cline Avenue bridge collapse and the floods of Hammond and Calumet City. They broadcast from a 435 foot tower with a 50 mile radius. It is a 24 hour station operating on 1000 watts during the day and 250 at night. It airs a variety of programs, covers local sports, has many ethnic programs, and competes for advertising dollars, selling

advertising time by 10-30-60-90 second spots. Julian Colby is the sole owner. Judy Grambo started 23 years ago with a ladies program of her own and today she is Vice President and General Manager. The station has been the starting place for several radio greats including Frank Reynolds and Hugh Hill.

Mr. Miklusak fielded a few questions and the meeting adjourned at 3:20 for refreshments and a social hour.

Respectfully submitted,

*Marjorie Sohl*

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

P.S. - The question was asked what the call letters WJOB stood for. Mr. Miklusak was unable to answer it at the moment but knew he had it at the office. He later sent in the answer quoting a WJOB brochure and saying it had been spelled out as below but had never been registered as such. This was only a saying.

"Designed for all the people, WJOB does a  
W onderful  
J ob  
O f  
B roadcasting"



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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
SUNDAY, APRIL 17, 1983  
ATTENDANCE

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>PHONE</u>
Charles McGregor	6921 Walnut Ave, Hammond	845-0493
Thomas E. Rutkowski		
Daryl Dunsing	7509 Manor	931-3110
M. Mott	6600 W. 25th Avenue, Gary	844-8575
Velma and Ed. Hanish	6422 Van Buren Ave, Hammond	932-2293
Rita Kasper	7119 Woodlawn Ave, Hammond	932-4166
Marge Erb	7450 Jefferson Ave, Hammond	933-0017
Anna R. Backe	544 Florence St, Hammond	931-2485
Jim Tufford	9315 Elmwood Dr, Munster	923-4241
Harold Story	2020 Sherwood Lake Dr, Schererville	865-8494
Melvin & Emma Spangler	506 Avalon Dr, Dyer	865-1062
Helen Broadhurst	6760 Indi Illi Park, Hammond	933-0715
Isabel Webb	7019 Northcote Ave, Hammond	844-4113
Alice M. Bollin	7317 Magoun Ave, Hammond	845-2697
Margaret Gunderson	6609 Jefferson Ave, Hammond	932-2754
Judy Barsin	18 - 169th St, Hammond	932-3946
J. K. Ebert	6637 Jackson Ave, Hammond	932-3029
Roy Duke	927 Michigan St, Hammond	932-8768
Albert Paschen	723 Spruce St, Hammond	932-4847
Florence E. Cleveland	8501-B Manor Ave, Munster	863-6174
Dorothy Bemisderfer	5111 Sohl, Apt. 113A, Hammond	931-9307
Fern E. Arnold	8806 Woodward Ave, Highland	923-2045
Ruth Arnold	8806 Woodward Ave, Highland	923-2045
Alice Fuzy	6555 Forest Ave, Hammond	933-0411
Kathryn Thegze	7435 Olcott Ave, Hammond	844-2022
Roger Reeder	260 - 165th St, Hammond	932-0400
John F. Wilhelm, Jr.	Harrison Heights, Munster	836-2223
Alex Miklusak	327 South Park Drive, Griffith	924-6528
Bert Hindmarch	7018 Knickerbocker Pkwy, Hammond	844-3205
Marge Sohl		

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
ANNUAL MEETING, WEDNESDAY, MAY 18, 1983

The annual dinner meeting of the Hammond Historical Society was held on Wednesday, May 18, 1983, at 6:30 p.m. at the Hyde Park United Methodist Church, 6348 Harrison Avenue, Hammond. President Jerome Kutak welcomed the fifty members and friends attending. Rev. Louis Reynolds gave the invocation. The women of the church served the dinner.

Following dinner the annual business meeting was conducted by the president. Reading of the minutes of the last annual meeting was dispensed with. Roger Reeder called attention to the annual financial report preprinted on the back of the program and commented that no publication being issued yet this year accounted for its being as high as it was. President Jerome Kutak gave a brief summary of the year and invited all to attend the regular monthly meetings the third Sunday of each month.

Roy Duke presented the nominating committee report as follows:

President - Roger Reeder  
1st Vice President - Bert Hindmarch - Programs  
2nd Vice President - Roy Duke - Membership  
3rd Vice President - Marie Mott - Publicity  
4th Vice President - Jules Ebert - Projects  
5th Vice President - Conchetta Geis - Annual Dinner  
Secretary - Marjorie Sohl  
Treasurer - Helen Schneider  
Directors - Term Expiring May, 1987  
Jerome Kutak  
Sol Lerner  
Charles McGregor  
Mrs. Anna Stevesand  
Harold Story

There being no nominations from the floor, Tom Rutkowski moved, Daryl Dunsing seconded that the nominated slate be declared elected. Carried.

Mrs. Nina Cravens conducted a very moving memorial service for the seven members who passed on during the last year: Mr. & Mrs. Henry Bieker, Edward B. Hayward, Caroline Hohman, Frank Prugh, C.A. Stephan and Della Watkins.

Rev. Louis Reynolds summarized the history of the Hyde Park United Methodist Church. Its name is taken from the Hyde Park Edition of Hammond where it is located, not a usual source for naming churches. It was 59 years old in April of this year. It started as a Monroe Street church and also met in a home at Conkey and Jackson when in 1923 it purchased a lot at Harrison and Cleveland, purchased a church in Whiting and moved it here in pieces. Part of its legend has been having a series of pastors. It was built for a neighborhood church and most of the original neighbors have moved away, so continuing as a neighborhood church, it has a changing membership. It has continued its interest in service to the community by providing meeting space to groups like AA, servicing thru the Hammond Community Center and providing drivers for Meals on Wheels programs.



Mr. Cannon, president of the Calumet City Historical Society, was present. He was introduced and invited all to visit their meetings held in their historic cabin just off of Burnham Avenue.

Bert Hindmarch asked everyone to be sure to fill out and leave at the door as they left the questionnaire sheet included in the program concerning the tour and meeting times.

Mr. Kutak introduced the speaker for the evening: Charles B. Tinkham, Assistant Professor at Purdue Calumet. He is a published poet of over 20 years and has contributed to the quality of life of Northwest Indiana. Mr. Tinkham spoke of the inherent talent in this region for the arts and that we must work at bringing it out. There is great diversity here and we need to support it. There has been a brain drain here with many talented people leaving the area. We need to reverse this trend or in 20 to 30 years we may have a ghost town like Youngstown, Ohio or Gary. Mr. Tinkham was born in Hammond and loves it and wants to keep it alive. His grandparents from both sides are from Hammond, so his roots are here. At about 7 or 8 he went for awhile to live with his grandparents in Florida but has returned and wants to stay here. This area is unique because we are next to the Dunes and culturally they are a part of us. They represent God in the Calumet and are an area we go to to experience God and reaffirm our joy of being alive.

Mr. Tinkham read some of the poems he has written about the Calumet Region and his relatives and his growing up here, interspersed with his humorous comments to tie them together and introduce them. They included names and places familiar to anyone who has grown up here and expressed in such picturesque language as Route 41, a most fascinating street--our Mississippi River--representing what life here is all about. Mr. Tinkham held the audience spellbound for an hour reading many selections from his poetry and proving himself to truly be the poet laureate of the Calumet Region as he has been called. A selection of his poems will be published in the next news letter for those who could not attend the dinner or for those who would like to reread them.

Mr. Kutak thanked Conchetta Geis for having made the arrangements for this dinner and adjourned the meeting at 9 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Marjorie Sohl*

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
ANNUAL MEETING, WEDNESDAY, MAY 18, 1983  
ATTENDANCE

Alice Bollin  
Helen Broadhurst  
Mr. Cannon  
Mrs. Cannon  
Roland Clarke  
Mrs. Roland Clarke  
Rosemary Colby  
Mrs. Nina Cravens  
Roy Duke  
Mr. Daryl Dunsing  
Mrs. Daryl Dunsing  
Jules Ebert  
Alice Fuzy  
Conchetta Geis  
Henrietta Gillespie  
Margaret Gunderson  
Wallace Hector  
Bert Hindmarch  
Mr. Willard Jonas  
Mrs. Willard Jonas  
Mr. Henry Kowalczyk  
Mrs. Henry Kowalczyk  
Mr. Jerome Kutak  
Mrs. Jerome Kutak  
Hazel Lindstrom  
Mr. Thomas Luney  
Mrs. Thomas Luney  
Barbara May  
Mr. J. Ralston Miller  
Virginia Morgan  
Mr. Albert Paschen  
Mrs. Albert Paschen  
Mr. Roger Reeder  
Mrs. Roger Reeder  
Rev. Louis Reynolds  
Mrs. Louis Reynolds  
Tom Rutkowski  
Marjorie Sohl  
Mr. Melvin Spangler  
Mrs. Melvin Spangler  
Andrew Spisak  
Richard Spisak  
Harold Story  
Kathryn Thegze  
Charles Tinkham  
Clarence Unger  
Mr. Harold Wagner  
Mrs. Harold Wagner  
Isabel Webb  
Leona Willsand



HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT

May 1, 1982

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May 1, 1983

BALANCE ON HAND May 1, 1982

1,286.56

RECEIPTS:

Dues	810.00
Dinners	300.00
Bi-Centennial Books	75.00
Gifts	<u>115.00</u>

Total Receipts

1,300.00

DISBURSEMENTS:

Newsletter	96.16
Postage	210.00
Refreshments	25.00
Dinners	297.00
Donation	100.00
Advertising & Supplies	129.60

Total Disbursements

857.76

BALANCE ON HAND April 30, 1983

1,728.80

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

I would be interested in a September tour of?

\_\_\_\_\_ Hammond Botanic Gardens and Hammond  
Court House

\_\_\_\_\_ Crown Point Court House

\_\_\_\_\_ Lowell

\_\_\_\_\_ George Ade Home-Brooks

\_\_\_\_\_ Other - Please tell your preference

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I prefer the tour be on a

\_\_\_\_\_ Saturday

\_\_\_\_\_ Sunday

\_\_\_\_\_ No Preference

I prefer our regular meeting dates to

\_\_\_\_\_ Remain on Sunday afternoon

\_\_\_\_\_ Be on a week night

\_\_\_\_\_ No preference

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Please sign your name

If you have any suggestions for speakers or  
subjects for our regular meetings please list  
below:

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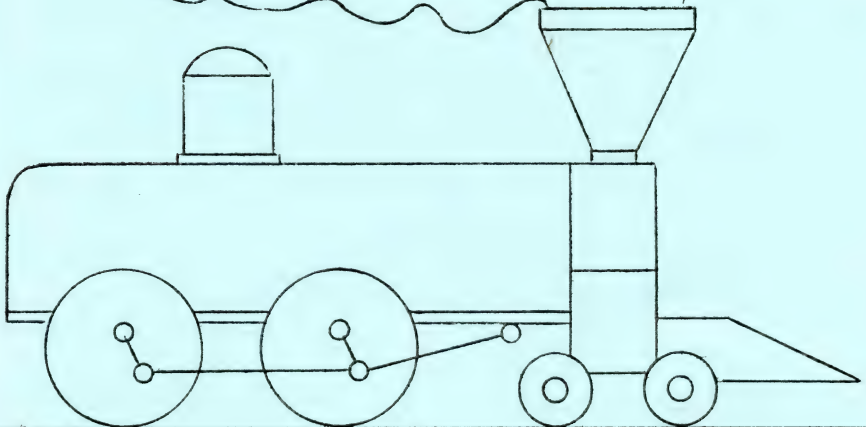
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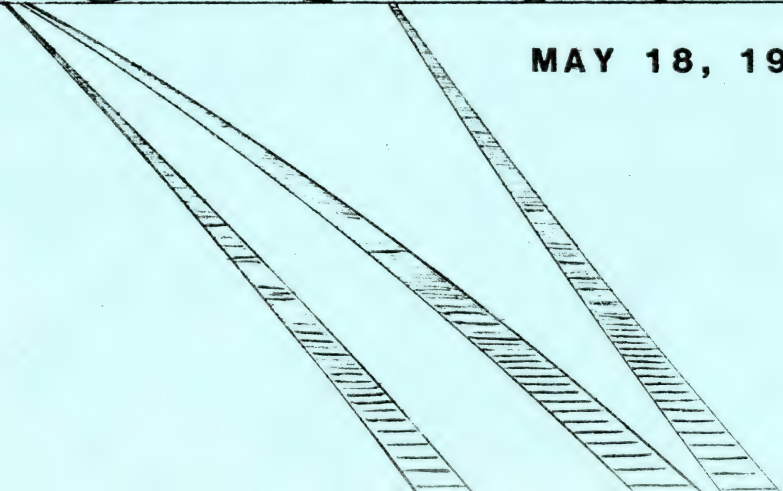
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TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL DINNER MEETING

# HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY



MAY 18, 1983



HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
23rd ANNUAL DINNER MEETING  
May 18th, 1983 6:30 p.m.

Hyde Park United Methodist Church  
6348 Harrison Avenue, Hammond

WELCOME..... Mr. Jerome Kutak

INVOCATION..... Rev. Louis Reynolds

\* DINNER \*

BUSINESS MEETING AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Minutes of Previous Annual Meeting  
Marjorie Sohl, Secretary  
Annual Financial Report  
Roger Reeder, Treasurer  
President's Annual Report  
Jerome Kutak  
Nominating Committee Report  
Roy Duke

MEMORIAL SERVICE..... Nina Cravens

In Memory of:

Mr. & Mrs. Henry Bieker	Frank Prugh
Edward B. Hayward	C. A. Stephan
Caroline Hohman	Della Watkins

"HISTORY OF THE HYDE PARK UNITED METHODIST  
CHURCH"..... Rev. Louis M. Reynolds

"READINGS OF ORIGINAL POETRY OF HAMMOND AND  
THE CALUMET REGION"..... Charles B. Tinkham

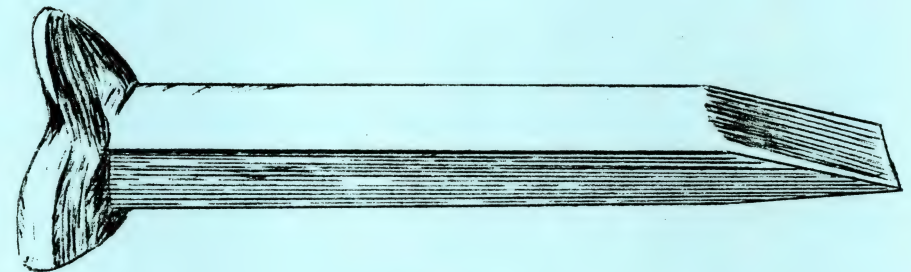
ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

\* DINNER CHAIRMAN - Conchetta Geis \*

OFFICERS 1982 - 1983

President..... Jerome Kutak  
1st Vice President..... Bert Hindmarch  
2nd Vice President..... Roy Duke  
3rd Vice President..... Marie Mott  
4th Vice President..... Jules Ebert  
5th Vice President..... Conchetta Geis  
Secretary..... Marjorie Sohl  
Treasurer..... Roger Reeder



DIRECTORS

Term thru May, 1983

Mr. Edward Hayward  
Mrs. Henry Hoyles  
Mr. Charles McGregor  
Mrs. H. E. Miner  
Mrs. Anna Stevesand

Term thru May, 1985

Mr. Roland Clarke  
Mr. Edward Hanish  
Mr. Alfred Hayes  
Mrs. Tom Luney  
Mrs. Marie Wilhelm

Term thru May, 1984

Mrs. Winifrede Barenie  
Mrs. Dorothy Bemisderfer  
Mr. Tom Rutkowski  
Mrs. Wanda Seevers  
Mr. James Towle

Term thru May, 1986

Mr. Kevin Augustyn  
Miss Margaret Gunderson  
Mr. J. Ralston Miller  
Mr. Melvin Spangler  
Mrs. Kathryn Thegze



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# FINANCIAL STATEMENT

May 1, 1982 to April 30, 1983

BALANCE ON HAND May 1, 1982.....\$1,286.56

## RECEIPTS:

Dues.....	\$ 810.00
Dinners.....	300.00
Bi-Centennial Books.....	75.00
Gifts.....	<u>115.00</u>
Total Receipts	\$1,300.00

## DISBURSEMENTS:

Newsletter.....	\$ 96.16
Postage.....	210.00
Refreshments.....	25.00
Dinners.....	297.00
Donation.....	100.00
Advertising & Supplies.....	<u>129.60</u>
Total Disbursements	\$ 857.76

BALANCE ON HAND April 30, 1983 \$1,728.80

## PAST PRESIDENTS 1959 to 1982

Mr. John Wilhelm  
 Mr. Warren A. Reeder, Jr.\*  
 Mr. Edward B. Hayward\*  
 Mrs. Vincent Bower  
 Mr. George Nelson  
 Mr. Anton Tapper\*  
 Mrs. Mary Peters\*  
 Mrs. Harry Wilson  
 Mr. Walter Bell\*  
 Mrs. Henry Cleveland  
 Miss Marjorie Sohl  
 Mr. Gordon Whitney

Mr. Verlyn Mack  
 Mrs. Vina Cravens  
 Mrs. Leona Schreiber  
 Mr. Kurt Marx\*  
 Miss Fern Arnold  
 Mrs. Willard Jonas  
 Mrs. Grace Mack  
 Mr. Charles McGregor  
 Mr. Jules Ebert  
 Mr. Bert Hindmarch

\*Deceased\*

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY TOUR  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 1983

The Hammond Historical Society annual tour left by bus from the parking lot of the Lake County Court building on Russell Street at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, September 18, 1983. We were driven to the Indiana Botanic Gardens at 626 - 177th Street, Hammond. There we were met by David Meyer, Vice President. He summarized the historic background of the company.

The Indiana Botanic Gardens was established by Joseph E. Meyer, grandfather of David, in 1910. It has been housed in its present building since 1925. The building was designed by John Broughton. Joseph was a printer by trade but loved herbs. He was working in Milwaukee, came to Chicago in 1900 and with the labor strikes there he moved to Hammond and worked at the TIMES. He got his start printing an expose of gambling practices, a 130 page book which he printed by setting type 2 pages at a time because that is all the type he had and then printing it at night. It was sold by mail thru magazine ads. It is still in print and sold now thru the Gambler's Book Club in Las Vegas.

Joseph Meyer was interested in establishing his own business so he collected herbs, dried and packaged them, and sold them thru magazine ads by mail order. He printed the books and pamphlets which were also sold like THE OLD HERB DOCTOR and NATURE'S REMEDIES. The dense forest area along the nearby river was ideal for growing and collecting herbs. Joseph was active in the business until 1933 when he retired. He died March 9, 1950. His three sons Clarence, Frances and Raymond had joined their father in the business. Clarence retired in 1978 and Frances in 1980. Tim Cleveland is the current president and David Meyer is vice president. However David spends part time managing Meyerbooks, Publishers in Glenwood which publishes all the books and materials, almanacs and sales catalogs for the Indiana Botanic Gardens.

Clarence created an herb garden on the property in 1935 which was maintained until 1976 but it has been effected by pollution and the expertise was gone after his father was gone. Now the herbs are shipped into Hammond and are processed and packaged and sold by mail order or in the small retail store at the building's entry. Simple machinery is used in the processing to wash and dry and chop or powder but most herbs are packaged by hand. The company serves about 300,000 customers with 1500 different herbal products, whole, cut, or powdered. They fill 150-200 orders a day. They make 10 drug products so are under strict regulations of the U. S. Drug Control.

David led the group thru the various areas of the plant: packaging, quality control laboratory, mixing kitchen, stock room, receiving and quarantine area, processing area, print shop (for labels), the office and the retail store. The plant employs a total of 25 loyal employees.

At the end of the tour, David Meyer presented us with a copy of 50 YEAR ANTHOLOGY OF THE HERBALIST ALMANAC and VEGETARIAN MEDICINES, both books by his father Clarence and published by his company, Meyerbooks, to be housed in the Calumet Room.



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The bus then took the group back to the County Court building on Russell Street where we were taken on a tour of that building. A society member, George Chigas, is the maintenance engineer there. He opened the building for us and conducted us thru with Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Kutak describing the areas with which they were familiar. At the conclusion of the building tour, George had hung the clapper in the old bell outside the building which was all that had been saved from the Old Court House on Hohman. Each person who wanted to was given the opportunity to ring the bell which had not been rung for eleven years.

Respectfully submitted,

*Marjorie Sohl*

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY TOUR  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 1983  
ATTENDANCE

Florence Bond  
Daryl Dunsing  
Emma Dunsing  
Conchetta Geis  
Suzanne Geis  
Alfred Hayes  
Jean Hayes  
Bert Hindmarch  
Marge Kalshan  
Jerry Kutak  
Mrs. Kutak

Hazel Lindstrom  
Marie Mund  
Jim Porter  
Patty Porter  
Roger Reeder  
Malinda Reeder  
2 Reeder children  
Tom Rutkowski  
Marjorie Sohl  
Isabel Webb



## Step into a giant herb store



David Meyer displays some ginseng roots ready for mailing from the Hammond office.

Times Photos by John Smierciak





*Lucy Huck at the store.*



*The building's outside is unassuming.*



*Beth Hutchinson, Tammy Cleland in mixing room. David Meyer checks on the dozens of drums containing peppermint.*



# 1,000-plus types offered

By MARSHA HAHNEY  
Times Correspondent

HAMMOND — Nestled among the trees on the bank of the Little Calumet River, the gabled, Tudor-style building looks like a private manor.

But it's open to the public, and has been for more than 50 years.

The charming old building at 626 177th St. houses Indiana Botanic Gardens, which the proprietors claim is the nation's oldest and largest retailer of herbs. The late Joseph E. Meyer had the present building constructed in 1926, although he founded the business in 1910.

Meyer seemed to have the power to see into the future. Not only did he establish the gardens, which are benefiting from a renewed interest in herbal medicine, but he also opened a bank during the Depression.

While other banks across the country were being closed, Meyer opened Calumet National Bank. He also anticipated the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. and began insuring savings deposits long before it was required.

It doesn't seem too surprising, then, to find his Indiana Botanic Gardens in operation 73 years after he founded the business. Still run by Meyer's descendants, the business provides customers with more than 1,000 forms of herbs and botanicals.

Timothy Cleland, president of the firm and great-grandson of Joseph Meyer, attributed the company's longevity to the quality products it offers.

"While other, newer companies have begun to offer 'herbal' products," he said, "many times only a trace of an herb is present in such products. Herbs from Indiana Botanic Gardens are sold in their pure forms."

The herbs and herbal products sold at the gardens are prepared under strict standards of purity, according to Cleland and David Meyer, vice president of the company and the founder's grandson.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration conducts twice-yearly inspections of the premises to ensure a quality product for customers, they said.

As for the selection, the array of herbs available is staggering. Everything from Acacia Gum resin to Yerba Santa leaf is on hand. For those not familiar with herbs and their uses, many books explaining them are on display and for sale at the gardens.

And people with questions about specific herbs can stop by and ask.

Lucille Huck, who is in charge of the retail store, has more than 30 years of

on-the-job experience. And the company has one of the largest botanical libraries in the United States, Meyer said, and is willing to look up answers to customers' questions.

Meyer said herbal medicines should be taken seriously.

"Seventy-three years in business proves that herbs do work," he said. "You just couldn't fool people for that many years."

He also said that while many people get excellent results with herbs, no one at the gardens can prescribe specific

herbs to cure illness.

What the employees do, Meyer said, is make available the literature which explains the traditional uses for each herb. The customers can then decide for themselves which ones to try.

While much of the gardens' business is done through mail order (it has a mailing list of more than 300,000), customers are invited to stop into the store. The spicy-sweet aroma inside tempts one to linger and browse through the displays of herbs, beauty aids, gifts and literature.

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**Friday,  
October 14, 1983**

● **HAMMOND** — Calvin Bellamy, president of Calumet National Bank, will speak at 2:30 p.m. Sunday at a meeting of the Hammond Historical Society at the Hammond Public Library, 564 State St.

Bellamy's lecture will include slides highlighting the 75th anniversary of the bank's founding.



Hammond Historical Society Meeting  
Sunday, Oct. 16, 1983, at 2<sup>30</sup> p.m.  
Community Room, Hammond  
Public Library

The meeting was called to order at 2<sup>30</sup> p.m. by Bert Hindmarch, Vice President and Program Chairman, in the absence of the president, Roger Reeder, with 22 members present.

Bert announced that the Sept. 18 annual tour of the Society to the Indiana Botanic Gardens and the Hammond Lake County Court House was most interesting and enjoyed by all who attended.

He also asked members for suggestions for the Hammond Achievement Award Committee for the 1984 nominee.

With other Hammond officials and interested people, Bert visited the Parthenon Theater building one last time, since all buildings including the theater on the northwest



corner of Hohman and Sibley are in the process of being demolished. He said the ceiling mural ~~mural~~ was in the basement but too deteriorated to be saved, and some of the chandeliers were still in the building. The site will now be used for downtown parking.

He announced that the Hammond Centennial Steering Committee is sponsoring a dinner-theater performance of "Camelot" at St. Michael's Ukrainian Hall on Saturday evening, Oct. 29, 1983, with a cocktail hour before dinner. The event is the kick-off fund-raiser for <sup>the</sup> centennial celebration for Hammond in 1984.

Mrs. Conchetta Geis, Chairman, announced that the 1984 Annual Dinner for the Society will be held at the First Church of the Nazarene at the corner of Calumet and Michigan. The church will



be celebrating its 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary next year. The date will be announced later.

Mr. Hindmarch told us that Robert Hirsch will be the speaker at the November meeting, giving us the history of the Hirsch stores.

He then introduced Mr. Calvin Bellamy, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Calumet National Bank, who spoke on the history of the bank, which was founded in 1933.

The building itself was built in 1925-1926 at the southeast corner of Hohman and Fayette. It is 131 feet tall, built of Indiana limestone and polished granite, and costing \$1,300,000.00. It first housed the First National Bank, also called the First Trust and Savings Bank. Two of the original tenants with law offices in the building



Timothy and Frank Galvin,  
have continued there since  
1925!

At the time of the Great Depression Hammond had seven banks, all of which failed, so in 1933 Joseph Meyer, owner of the Indiana Botanic Garden, founded a new bank, the Calumet State Bank, in a building on Calumet south of Sibley. He received his charter on March 4, 1933, the same day Franklin Delano Roosevelt was inaugurated President of the United States.

In 1934 Mr. Meyer moved his new bank to its present location in the building at Hohman and Fayette. Until 1941 he rented the banking facilities of the building, and at that time he purchased the building. He began his operation with six employees, and today the bank employs 200.



In 1979 the lobby was completely remodeled, but all the best features remained intact. Assets of the bank Today are \$275,000,000.00, plus \$85,000,000.00 in trusts

Mr. Meyer was the first banker to set aside bonds to insure his depositors and also the first Hammond bank to open a branch, of which there are now 10 in the area. He also was the first to instal automatic tellers to serve his depositors outside banking hours, and Today there is even one in St. Margaret Hospital.

Mr. Bellamy brought with him a most interesting display of photographs of the bank and its people, and he graciously answered questions from the audience.

The meeting adjourned at 3<sup>20</sup> p.m.

Kathryn Thegze  
Secretary Pro Tem



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Attendance

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1 Ernie Jones 256 Detroit

2 Roy Deek 927 Mich. St

3 Charles Mc Gregor 6921 Walnut

4 Julie Elliott 6637 Thacker

5 Alice M. Bollin 7317 Magoun

6 Isabel Hebb 7019 Norchote,

7 Helen Broadhurst 6760 Indi-Jill Pl.

8 Dorothy Bensinger 5711 Kohl-113A

9 Leora Van Dyke 5945- Huplog Pl.

10 Velma Hannak 6422 Van Buren

11 Edward Hamish 6422 Van Buren

12 Jean + Alfred Hays 1740 Oliver St. Whiting

13 Hazel Emulation 410 Emory Hammond

14 Ballard J. Mear 6628 Jackson "

15 Karol Wagner 6519 Forest "

16 Harold R. Stoy, 2020 Sherwood St. Schererville

17 Conchetta Geis 7337 White Oak

18 Donna Dynta 6321 Garfield

19 Margery Kirkmarch 7018 Knickerbocker

20 Bert Friedman "

21 Daryl Dunning 7509 Monroe Ave

22 Kathryn Hegge 7435 Okott

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THE TIMES

Sunday, November 20, 1983

## Society meets

HAMMOND — The Hammond Historical Society will meet at 2 p.m. today in the Community Room of the Main Library in Hammond.

The meeting will be highlighted with a talk by Robert M. Hirsch, entitled "The History of Joe Hirsch, Incorporated."



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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 1983

The Hammond Historical Society met in the Community Room of the Hammond Public Library at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, November 20, 1983. Twenty-nine members and friends signed the attendance sheet. Minutes of the last meeting had been published in the bulletin.

Marjorie Sohl announced the joint committee with Rotary was meeting regularly and would soon select the 1984 recipient for the annual Hammond Achievement Award presented in April. She also announced that lapel buttons promoting the Centennial celebration of Hammond in 1984 are available for sale today at 50¢ each on the publications table.

Bert Hindmarch announced that the Historical Society publication of 20 years of the Hammond Historical Society, excerpts from the minutes and bulletins, is being prepared for publication and will be out sometime the middle of next year. He outlined the highlights of the Centennial Committee's plans so far: to bring out a pictorial history of Hammond being prepared by Lance Trusty of Purdue Calumet; to have a Sports Banquet on April 27; and a Parade on April 28. He also announced future programs for our Society including one in January on the old Hammond Theatres and in February a history of the Times by Rick Farrett.

Roger Reeder introduced the speaker for the day, Bob Hirsch, owner of Joe Hirsch's, The Store for Men. Bob is active in Rotary, Jaycees, Hammond Chamber of Commerce, Hammond Downtown Council, now active in the Munster Chamber and a past director of the National Men's Wear Retailers of America.

Bob outlined the early history of the business his grandfather founded in the early 1900's and his father built but in which he in his youth resisted becoming active. The business had its ups and downs thru two World Wars and the crash in 1929. The business has been in continuous operation since his father started over in March, 1941 on a small scale. Bob graduated from high school in 1945, went to college for two years, and joined the business in 1948. In 1950 he went to serve in the Korean War and in February, 1953, returned to rejoin the Joe Hirsch Company. He left for 1½ years to earn more money at Maurice L. Rothchild's store in Chicago but became disenchanted and returned to his father's business in earnest. In 1961 they moved the business to greatly enlarged quarters in the OK Building at 5252 Hohman and doubled the business in two years. During the Hippie years they opened a young men's shop. In 1967 they expanded to open a small shop in the Woodmar Shopping Center. From 1970 to 1973 they operated the Court Shop in Munster. In July, 1973 they opened a big beautiful store in the Lincoln Mall in Flossmoor. His father died on March 20, 1973, just after his return from Florida and just before the July opening of the Flossmoor store. They closed the Lansing store and operated the three in Flossmoor Lincoln Mall, Woodmar Shopping Center and the Main Store at 5252 Hohman. The years 1972 and 1973 were good times before the men's business began to decline. In January, 1974, he bought the Jack Fox and Sons store when Roland Fox died. He held it for 10 years, operating two stores downtown, in the Hirsch Building and in the Jack Fox Building.



The years of the oil embargo and the 1974-75 recession ran him into financial difficulties and in November, 1975, he closed the Jack Fox store. In 1978 his oldest son came into the business with good ideas. He is now employed with Jockey brand shorts. His youngest son has been with him now for three years and manages the Woodmar shop. In 1976 he remarried and now has a 2½ year old son and a 13 year old stepson. His wife is in the business, having introduced women's clothes into the new store in Munster, opened in September, 1981. In 1978 they finally found a buyer for the Lincoln Mall store. The other half of the store in Munster became available so they expanded into it and in March, 1983 moved out of Downtown Hammond to the enlarged store at Hohman and Ridge Road. Even though his main store is now in Munster, he still has Hammond roots, living in Hammond and still operating a store in Woodmar. In 1991 he hopes to have a 50 year celebration for all his former employees. He now employs about 25 full time employees and maintains good professional tailors. He commented that the men's wear industry is going through a transition period with the trend to mass merchandizers.

The meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m. with refreshments enjoyed during an informal hour.

Respectfully submitted,

*Marjorie Sohl*

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 1983  
ATTENDANCE

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Donna Djenka	6321 Garfield Ave. 46324
Ruth Arnold	8806 Woodworth, Highland, 46322
Mary Ruch	516 Waltham St, 46320
Fern Arnold	8806 Woodward, Highland, 46322
Jean & Alfred Hayes	1740 Oliver St, Whiting, 46394
Emma Spangler	
Melvin Spangler	506 Avalon Dr, Dyer, 46311
Harold R. Story	2020 Sherwood Lake Dr. Schererville, 46375
Thomas Rutkoski	1559 Memorial Dr, Calumet City, IL,
Roy Duke	927 Michigan St, 46320
Jule Ebert	6637 Jackson Ave, 46324
J. Ralston Miller	37 Waltham St. 46320
Wanda Seevers	18257 Roy St, Lansing, IL 60438
Helena M. Ostrander	17933 Torrence Ave, Lansing, IL 60438
Helen Shatkowski	7244 Knickerbocker, 46323
Theo J. Shatkowski	7244 Knickerbocker, 46323
Stella Mitze	1534 - 174th St.
Conchetta Geis	7337 White Oak, 46324
Carol & Jerry Kutek	18 Glendale Park, 46320
Anna & Henry Kowalczyk	1824 Fisher St, Munster, 46321
Roger Reeder	260 - 165th St. 46324
Daryl Dunsing	7507 Monroe Ave.
Hazel Lindstrom	410 Conkey St.
Tom Harle	18400 Exchange, Lansing, IL
Bert Hindmarch	7018 Knickerbocker, 46323
Marge Sohl	5615 Sohl Ave, 46320



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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
SATURDAY, JANUARY 14, 1984

The Board of Directors of the Hammond Historical Society met on Saturday, January 14, 1984 at 10 a.m. in the Calumet Room of the Hammond Public Library. Sixteen members attended. Four had asked to be excused: Alfred Hayes, Saul Lerner, Mrs. Tom Luney and Mrs. Ann Stevesand.

President Roger Reeder called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. By way of up-dating the board of recent developments, he reported that Dr. Henry C. Cleveland had been selected by the committee to receive the 1984 Hammond Achievement Award on April 10 at the dinner at Wicker Park at \$18.00 per plate. He summarized his activities as a surgeon in Denver, responsible for developing their innovative helicopter emergency rescue service, and activities in national and international trauma organizations. He ties in with the Hammond Centennial celebration in that he is the great grandson of Thomas Hammond for whom the city is named.

Bert Hindmarch reported on the progress of the publication of the collection of the best of 20 years of the society's newsletters. It is with the typist now at a cost of \$3.00 per page. Bob Tuley has been contacted to get it printed at a cost of \$2000 for 700 copies. Assistance in proof reading and updating of historical society information in it was volunteered by Roland Clarke, Kevin Augustyn and Kathryn Thegze.

Bert also reported on the possibility of publication of Lance Trusty's Pictorial History of Hammond for the Hammond Centennial if enough financial backing can be obtained from Hammond businesses. The price has been established at \$15. Discussion followed on the possibility of a presale at a discounted price. A motion by J. Ralston Miller, seconded by Roy Duke and passed that a \$2.00 discount on pre-sale of the book was amended to be more general and state that whatever the price, the book be sold at a discounted presale price. This was passed as a recommendation to be taken to the Centennial committee.

Marge Sohl reported on the plans to date for the Centennial celebration including the parade on April 28, the all sports banquet on April 27, our Hammond Achievement Award dinner on April 10, and the possible publication of a pictorial history. Tom Rutkowski moved that the Historical Society participate in the parade. The motion failed without a second. Further discussion indicated it be simple, if only a car carrying our name and officers. Ed Hanish indicated his uncle had a 1923 Willys Knight open car that might be used. Then Tom Rutkowski's motion was seconded by Kathryn Thegze and passed. It was also suggested the Historical Society might sponsor the Antique Car Club in the parade.

Recent deaths of our members were brought to our attention and suggested these should be included in the bulletin: Sgt. Del Purkey of the Hammond Police Department; Herb Geiger, former board member; and Walt Sommers living in Florida. It was noted that Bud Purkey had been working on a history of the Police Department and that this material should not be lost to our preservation. Jules Ebert was asked to contact the police department and then he and Roger would contact Bud's wife, Connie.

Bert Hindmarch outlined the programs scheduled for the rest of the year:

- Jan. 16 - Maurice O'Hern on Hammond Theatres.
- Feb. 19 - Rick Farrant on a history of the Hammond Times
- March 18 - Joseph Van Bokkelen - Assistant U. S. Attorney
- April 15 - Dan Rabin on a history of his business
- May - Annual dinner - program still open. Dinner scheduled at Nazarene Church at Calumet and Michigan where they are celebrating their 75th anniversary. Date to be set to fit their schedule.

It was announced that Eric Alden on WJOB is doing daily one minute slots of information on Hammond history. He needs to be fed information for these.

The Newsletter was discussed and ideas for improvement of it were suggested to give it more of a personal touch. Suggestions included:

1. Need to have members feed information in to be included.
2. Need to include a list of new members each month.
3. Need an editorial staff to decide each month on what goes in. Appointed Roland Clarke, Bert Hindmarch, Kathryn Thegze and Marge Sohl.
4. Include something on such community events as Masonic Lodge 100th anniversary, Calumet Lodge 100th anniversary.

Roger told the board we need to elect a Treasurer to fill the unexpired term of Helen Schneider who is no longer employed in his office. Marjorie Sohl was nominated and elected to be Secretary-Treasure for the rest of the year.

Roger announced the Town Theatre in Highland is showing "A Christmas Story," a movie adaptation of Jean Shepherd's book, IN GOD WE TRUST, ALL OTHERS PAY CASH," based on his early life in Hammond.

Roger agreed to talk to Marie Mott, our publicity chairman, about signs for the side of the car to be used in the parade.

J. Ralston Miller told his memory of a sign which was at about 4000 Calumet Avenue in the late 20's that claimed you were entering Hammond, named after Governor Hammond who served as Governor of the State of Indiana for the shortest term. He said this refutes the story generally circulated that the name was determined by a coin flip between Thomas Hammond and Mort M. Towle, but the Gov. Hammond story has never been substantiated.

The meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Marjorie Sohl*

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary



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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
SATURDAY, JANUARY 14, 1984  
ATTENDANCE

NAME

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Roger Reeder	260 - 165th St. Hammond
Harold R. Story	2020 Sherwood Drive, Schererville
Kathryn Thegze	7435 Olcott Ave, Hammond
Edward L. Hanish	6422 Van Buren Ave, Hammond
Roland Clarke	7519 Jackson Ave, Hammond
Roy Duke	927 Michigan St, Hammond
Dorothy Bemisderfer	5111 Sohl, Apt 113A, Hammond
J. K. Ebert	6637 Jackson Ave, Hammond
Bert Hindmarch	7018 Knickerbocker Pkwy, Hammond
Thomas Rutkoski	1259 Memorial Dr, Calumet City, IL
J. Ralston Miller	37 Waltham St, Hammond
Kevin Augustyn	7034 Birch, Hammond
Margaret Gunderson	6609 Jefferson Ave, Hammond
Mel Spangler	506 Avalon Dr. Dyer
Winifrede Barenie	4634 Torrence Ave, Hammond
Marjorie Sohl	5615 Sohl Ave, Hammond

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THE TIMES Sunday, January 15, 1984

## Movie theater fest is today

HAMMOND — A presentation on the glorious movie houses which once dominated downtown Hammond will be held at 2:30 today in the Hammond Public Library, 564 State St.

The event is sponsored by the Hammond Historical Society.

Theaters such as the Orpheum, Parthenon, Paramount and Hohman Opera House were once a thriving part of the city.

"By 1910, there were 12 movie houses within a block of the corner of State and Hohman," says Society Vice President Bert Hindmarch. "In 1921, the Parthenon was the third largest movie house in the Chicago region."

Bishop Knoll teacher Maurice O'Hern, a life-long Hammond resident, will be the featured speaker.

O'Hern's research has turned up more than 60 different theaters in Hammond between 1900 and 1950.



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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
SUNDAY, JANUARY 15, 1984

The Hammond Historical Society met at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, January 15, 1984 in the Community Room of the Hammond Public Library. Ninety-one signed the attendance sheet but 105 persons were counted.

President Roger Reeder presided. He announced the choice of Dr. Henry C. Cleveland as the 1984 recipient of the Hammond Achievement Award. Tickets will be available very soon at \$18.00 per plate for the dinner April 10th at Wicker Park.

Bert Hindmarch announced the program schedule for the rest of this year as listed in the Board minutes. He also summarized the plans for the Hammond Centennial: the parade on April 28, the all sports banquet on April 27, and today the sale of Centennial buttons for 50¢ each.

The next publication, the best of 20 years of the newsletters, is in the process of being typed now to be published later this year.

Mr. McNabney told of his publication expected out in April, presenting a history of Hammond High which is also celebrating its 100th anniversary.

Roger announced that at the Board of Directors meeting, it was voted to participate in the Centennial parade. Mr. Hanish showed a picture of his uncle's 1923 Willys Knight purchased in 1952 and restored by him in 1954, to be used in the parade.

Roger announced we were very pleased with the fine turnout of people for the program today and encouraged any who were not members to join today. He introduced the speaker for today, Maurice O'Hern. Mr. O'Hern was educated in local schools, worked for 40 years for the American Steel Foundries, taught for 5 years at Purdue Calumet and is currently teaching physics at Bishop Noll Institute.

In preparation for this program, Mr. O'Hern had put together a hundred page scrap book on the theatres in Hammond. He gathered the material for it by going thru the Hammond Times microfilm, the city directories and phone books, and by interviewing old friends. One such friend interviewed was Lester Klee who started working as an usher at 15 years old and worked as a projectionist until he was 80 years old. In his research, Mr. O'Hern found references to at least 60 theatres in Hammond. Some existed for only a short time and some were in the same place but changed names, and probably ownership.

The earliest theatre dates back to 1887, the Hohman Opera House, erected by Caroline Hohman. Early theatres presented productions by local talent, vaudeville and traveling legitimate theatre groups. Other early theatres included the Huehn Opera House at Logan and Hohman, The Grand at State and Hohman, Towle Opera House, Van Sickles Theatre, Bijou, Brooks, Hoosier and Colonial. Speaking of them in chronological order, others he mentioned were the Gem, Princess, Idle Hour, Orpheum, Hammond, Columbia, DeLux, Past-time, Bartolis, Helpers Auditorium, Aubrey, Parthenon, Temple, Hessville, State Theatre, Hohman, Reo, Hess and Ace. The scrap book includes copies of ads and early offerings at the theatre as found in and copied from the Hammond Times. The scrap book can be referred to anytime in the Calumet Room.

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The meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m. for refreshments and a social hour.

Respectfully submitted,

*Marjorie Sohl*

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary



HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
Sunday, January 15, 1984  
ATTENDANCE

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>PHONE</u>
Julius Laszlo	2720 Lincoln St, Highland	838-7221
Ted Myjewski	5618 Calumet, Hammond	937-1575
Mary Kaminski	6317 Columbia, Hammond	937-1126
Dorothy Max	31 Warren, Hammond	
Martin Curtis	1508 State Line, Calumet City, IL	
Patricia Curtis	1508 State Line, Calumet City, IL	
A. E. and Mary Gatto	8330 Parkview, Munster	
Daryl Dunsing	7509 Monroe, Hammond	
M. Mott	6600 West 25th Street, Gary	
Thomas Rutkoski	1259 Memorial Dr. Calumet City, IL	
Clarence Cole	2219 Tanglewood Dr. Hammond	845-6376
Elizabeth Benish	524 Michigan, Hammond	
Anna M. Kowalczyk	1824 Fisher St, Munster	931-4933
Henry Kowalczyk	1824 Fisher St, Munster	931-4933
J. K. Ebert	6637 Jackson Ave, Hammond	932-3029
Milton L. Meriam	541 - 173rd St. Hammond	932-7851
Paul & Toni Caldwell	7218 Madison Ave, Hammond	932-1211
Alice Fuzy	6555 Forest, Hammond	933-0411
Kathryn Thegze	7435 Olcott, Hammond	844-2022
Bill Thegze	7435 Olcott, Hammond	844-2022
J. Ralston Miller	37 Waltham St, Hammond	932-0554
Jean & Alfred Hayes	1740 Oliver St, Whiting	659-0454
Hertha & Frank Fehring	8407 Schreiber Dr, Munster	838-5890
Wanda Seevers	18257 Roy St, Lansing IL	474-3435
Helena Ostrander	17933 Torrence, Lansing, IL	474-0970
Joan Bajda	1835 Davis, Whiting	659-1440
Curt Vosti	54 Ruth, #304, Hammond	937-1043
John G. Dulsky	1667 - 174th Pl. Hammond	845-0449
Bert Hindmarch	7018 Knickerbocker, Hammond	
Bob Fletcher	33-169th St, Hammond	
Richard F. James	2711 Edgewood Dr, Dyer	
Genevieve Kendzarski	1 Waltham St, Calumet City, IL	
Roland Clarke	7519 Jackson, Hammond	
Rosemary Clarke	7519 Jackson, Hammond	
Jim Tufford	9375 Elmwood Dr. Munster	
Mr. & Mrs. Edward L. Hanish	6422 Van Duren, Hammond	
Marcella Clutter	7440 Magoun, Hammond	
Kevin Clutter	7440 Magoun, Hammond	
Paulette Brown	5519 Sohl, Hammond	
Walter Dora	4507 Torrence Ave, Hammond	
Conchetta Geis	118 N. Spencer, Redkey, IN 47373	
Emma Spangler	506 Avalon Dr, Dyer	
Melvin Spangler	506 Avalon Dr, Dyer	
Harold Story	2020 Sherwood Lake Dr, Schererville	
Walter Karr	723 N. Indiana, Griffith	
Jim Muratort	7038 Woodlawn, Hammond	
Bruce Kujawa	2241 - 169th St, Hammond	

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
SUNDAY, JANUARY 15, 1984  
ATTENDANCE  
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<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>PHONE</u>
Mr. & Mrs. C. Gehrke	1732 Davis, Whiting	
Mr. & Mrs. Ed. Wierzbicki	18046 Burnham, Lansing, IL	
Mr. & Mrs. Edward Dvorscak	1333 Parkview, Whiting	
Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Lesniewski	1005 - 170th Place, Hammond	
Marjorie Sohl	5615 Sohl Ave, Hammond	933-7424
Phyllis Whitton	6343 Garfield, Hammond	932-1242
Helen Broadhurst	6760 Indi-Illi, Hammond	933-0715
Alice M. Bollin	7317 Magoun, Hammond	845-2697
Isabel Webb	7019 Northcote, Hammond	844-4113
Fabian Palkosich	4939 Northcote, East Chicago	398-4454
Edward Mitro	6925 Walnut, #335, Hammond	845-1852
Kevin Augustyn	7034 Birch, Hammond	845-2926
Shirley Tapper	29 Warren, Hammond	937-0918
Jean Buncich	552 Escanaba, Calumet City, IL	862-5383
Dr. & Mrs. Wm. McNabney	9016 Orchard Ave, Highland	923-6656
Maurey Zlotnik	7129 Ontario, Hammond	844-9154
Ann Keightley	7534 Maplewood, Hammond	932-0854
Anthony Dee	6749 Madison, Hammond	932-4902
Sherry T. Hluska	6749 Madison, Hammond	932-4902
Roy Duke	927 Michigan St, Hammond	923-8768
Viola Duke	927 Michigan St, Hammond	923-8768
Pearl Sommer	4121 Wabash, Hammond	937-1505
Tim Erb	4411 Johnson, Hammond	937-3666
William A. Erb	7450 Jefferson, Hammond	933-0017
Mr. & Mrs. John Morgin	536 Gordon, Calumet City, IL	868-5926
Rita Kasper	7119 Woodlawn, Hammond	
Marjorie Erb	7450 Jefferson, Hammond	
Anna R. Backe	544 Florence Ave, Hammond	931-2485
Willis Anderson	5534 Walter, Hammond	<del>932-0400</del>
Roger Reeder	260 - 165th St, Hammond	932-0400
Thomas Christof	1708 Lake Ave, Whiting	659-4218
Dale C. Carpenter	7050 Schreiber,	



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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
Sunday, February 19, 1984

The Hammond Historical Society met on Sunday, February 19, 1984 in the Hammond Public Library Community Room at 2:30 p.m. Forty-four signed the attendance sheet.

President Roger Reeder presided. Marjorie Sohl reported \$2422.76 in the treasury. She also encouraged members to support the Hammond Achievement Award presentation dinner on April 10, 1984 at Wicker Park when this year's award will honor Dr. Henry C. Cleveland, surgeon from Denver and great grandson of early city father Thomas Hammond. Bert Hindmarch outlined the up-coming programs, March 18, Attorney Joseph S. Van Bokkelen; April 15, Dan Rabin; and the annual dinner, Tuesday, May 8 with Dr. William McNabney presenting a centennial history of Hammond High School. Up-coming publications include the collection of the best of 20 years from the historical society newsletters and the Hammond Centennial Committee sponsored publication, A Pictorial History of Hammond, which is due to be published by April 21. They will be presold at \$14.95. Roger Reeder asked for volunteers for the nominating committee.

Roger Reeder introduced the speaker, Rick Farrant, City Editor of THE TIMES. Rich had his secondary education in Westchester, New York; graduated from Montana State University in Theatre Arts; worked for seven years in Montana on papers in Billings, Bozeman and Helena until he came to Hammond seven years ago. He is an actor and writer with the Northern Indiana Art Association where his play "One to go" will premiere in August. He heads the Hammond Centennial Parade Committee and does consulting work in public relations.

Rick Farrant researched the history of THE TIMES because of his fairly recent arrival in this area. He found little was recorded and most department heads did not even know who their predecessor was. He interviewed Albert Hammer, now 89, who had started working for THE TIMES as a delivery boy in 1907 when the paper sold for 1¢ per issue, now 25¢. The master mind of the paper was Sigmond McHie, "Uncle Sid," who brought the paper here in 1906 when the economy was faltering, the packing house had burned and there was little industry here. He brought people out from Chicago to work on the paper to improve it. The Hammond Daily News died and THE TIMES circulation grew to 10,000 in a short time. It has worked side by side with the Gary Post but held on to its turf all thru the years. It was one of the first papers with zoned editions (different editions for the various communities served). After 1930 it began publication of a Sunday edition, continued yet today.

In 1944, Mr. McHie was killed in a car-train accident and his nephew James DeLaurier took over the paper. The paper grew from 30,000 to 60,000 circulation. In 1962 it was sold to Howard Publications. John Tompkins became the third publisher. He kept a low profile but was a solid leader while the paper grew to 80,000 circulation. The name was changed from THE HAMMOND TIMES to THE TIMES to reflect the larger market it served. It has moved from the earliest line-a-type to automatic typesetting to the current electronic equipment and to zoned advertising. It has survived two strikes, a typographical union strike and a pay dispute.

In 1979, Walter McCarthy became the fourth publisher and has entered a new battle to stay afloat when many newspapers are dying. The postal service and TV competition for the advertising dollar is intense. Journalism has changed because people have come to expect their news in concise form. A 10-inch story now used to be a 40-inch story.

Rich claimed that the planned move to Munster was primarily because of their need for more space. In a question period following his presentation, Rick indicated that the paper is trying to become more community involved and influential in problem solving with its investigative reporting.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m. for refreshments and a social hour.

Respectfully submitted,

*Marjorie Sohl*

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

Welcome to new members, Tillie Tunis and Mr. & Mrs. Walter G. See.



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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
SUNDAY FEBRUARY 19, 1984  
ATTENDANCE

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>PHONE</u>
Donna Djenka	6321 Garfield , Hammond	933-6867
Fern Arnold	8806 Woodward, Highland	923-2045
Ruth Arnold	8806 Woodward, Highland	923-2045
Florence Cleveland	3501-B Manor Ave, Munster	836-6174
Mallory Donnersberger	444 W. Roslyn, Chicago	
Nellie Tunis	7538 Birch Ave, Hammond	844-0046
L. R. Shephard	7424 Beech Avenue, Hammond	844-4595
C. H. Beilby, Mr. & Mrs.	6843 Northcote Ave, Hammond	844-5439
Jean & Alfred Hayes	1740 Oliver St, Whiting	659-0454
Melvin Spangler	506 Avalon Dr, Dyer	865-1062
Emma Spangler		
Bert Hindmarch	7018 Knickerbocker Pkwy	844-3205
Ruby Prince	1033 Spruce Street, Hammond	932-0302
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas M. Luney	8342 Schreiber Dr, Munster	858-5860
Jan Cartwright	956 Elder Rd. Hammond	798-3489
Rita Kasper	7119 Woodlawn Ave, Hammond	932-4166
Anna R. Backe	544 Florence St, Hammond	931-2485
Rudy Folta	7732 Hohman Ave, Munster	836-5151
Roy Duke	927 Michigan St, Hammond	932-8768
Jule Ebert	6627 Jackson Ave, Hammond	932-2029
M. Mott	6600 West 25th Ave, Gary	844-8595
Alice Fuzy	6555 Forest Ave, Hammond	
Dorothy Bemisderfer	5111 Sohl Ave, #113, Hammond	931-9307
Kathryn Thegze	7435 Olcott Avenue, Hammond	844-2022
James W. LeVan	7406 Jackson Ave, Hammond	932-4771
Evainex Jonas	256 Detroit St, Hammond	932-5056
Milton L. Meriane	541 - 173rd Street, Hammond	932-7851
Mr. & Mrs. Daryl Dunsing	7509 Monroe Ave, Hammond	931-3110
Hazel Lindstron	410 Conkey Street, Hammond	932-8459
Mr. & Mrs. Randall Shepherd	2230 Ridgewood, Highland	923-2900
Mr. & Mrs. Roland M. Clarke	7519 Jackson Ave, Hammond	931-5964
Mr. & Mrs. Paul Caldwell	7218 Madison Ave, Hammond	932-1211
Genevieve Kendzierski	1 Waltham St, Calumet City	862-7628
Harold Wagner	6519 Forest Avenue, Hammond	931-3546
Roger Reeder	260 - 165th Street, Hammond	932-0400
Helen Wagner	6519 Forest Avenue, Hammond	931-3846
Marjorie Sohl	5615 Sohl Avenue, Hammond	933-7424

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**Friday,  
March 16, 1984**

## **N. Lake briefly**

### **Places to go**

☐ **WHITING** — The Whiting-Robertsdale Historical Society will meet at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at Whiting City Hall, 1443 119th St.

Featured will be a film of the Whiting Fourth of July parade in 1939. Refreshments will be served.

☐ **HAMMOND** — A history of the prosecution of The Family, a notorious street gang from Gary, will be the subject of the next Hammond Historical Society meeting.

The society will meet at 2:30 p.m. Sunday at the Hammond Public Library, 564 State St. Joseph Van Bokkelen, former assistant U.S. attorney for the U.S. District Court for Northern Indiana in Hammond, will describe the two-year trial he was involved in beginning in 1974.



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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
SUNDAY, MARCH 18, 1984

The Hammond Historical Society met on Sunday, March 18, 1984, in the Community Room at the Hammond Public Library at 2:30 p.m. Twenty-nine members signed the attendance sheet.

President Roger Reeder called the meeting to order, and in the absence of Marjorie Sohl, there was no Treasurer's report. Mr. Reeder also announced the Society's Annual Dinner Meeting on Tuesday, May 8, 1984, at the Church of the Nazarene on Calumet Avenue at Michigan. A dinner of chicken, beef, and sausage will be served at 6:30 p.m. at a cost of \$5.00 per person. The church is celebrating its 75th anniversary this year, and the pastor, Rev. Crawford M. Howe, will speak on its history. William McNabney of Hammond's School Administration will give us a history of Hammond High School, celebrating its 100th anniversary this year. Mr. McNabney has written a book on this history which will be available for \$5.00.

Bert Hindmarch, the Vice-President in charge of programs, announced that Dan Rabin, Hammond Merchant, will be our speaker for the meeting on Palm Sunday, April 15, 1984. He will speak on his life in Hammond.

He also announced the next Society publication, "The Best of the Hammond Historical Society," which will be given to Society members and also be made available for sale.

Bert also said Dr. Lance Trusty's book, "A Pictorial History of Hammond" will soon be available for pre-sale at \$14.95.

He urged members to remember and try to attend the Fifth Annual Hammond Achievement Award Dinner on Tuesday, April 10, 1984, at the Wicker Park Social Center at 6:30 p.m. A prime rib dinner will be served following a cocktail hour at \$18.00 per person. The honoree this centennial year will be Dr. Henry Cleveland, surgeon from Denver Colorado, who is a great-grandson of Thomas Hammond, one of our founders and three times a mayor of the city. Dr. Cleveland's mother, Florence Cleveland, was the first librarian for the Calumet Room and still lives in the area.

Jules Ebert announced the Hammond Centennial Committee's All-Sports Banquet to be held on Friday, April 27, 1984, at the K. of C. Unity Hall. Tickets will be \$15.00 and there will be cocktails at 6:00 p.m. with dinner at 7:00. The evening's speaker will be Darryl Chaney, a graduate of Morton High School, who became a major league baseball player and is presently a TV sports announcer in Cincinnati.

Roger told us the Centennial parade will take place on Saturday, April 28, 1984, beginning at State and Sohl, proceeding west to Hohman, south to Highland and on to Hammond High School. There, day-long activities are planned. Before parade time about 10 a.m., several runs are planned to take place on Hohman Avenue.

Mr. Reeder then introduced the day's speaker, Mr. Joseph Van Bokkelen, Hammond attorney. His hometown is Mooresville, Indiana, and he attended Wabash College for two years before transferring to Indiana University. There he finished his undergraduate work and went on to finish I.U.'s law school. Following his graduation he became an Assistant State's Attorney in the office of the Indiana Attorney General from 1969-1970. In March, 1972, he was appointed an Assistant U. S. District Attorney in Hammond, where he remained until 1975. It was in this capacity that he prosecuted the notorious Family Street Gang of Gary, whose trial on drug charges occurred in the Federal Court in Hammond in 1974 and 1975. Following the conclusion of the trial, he resigned his position to go into private practice as a member of the law firm of Goldsmith, Goodman, Ball, and Van Bokkelen, where he is today. With his wife Sally and two children, he is a resident of Glendale Park.

After a most interesting talk, the meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m. for refreshments and social hour.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathryn Thegze  
Secretary Pro Tem



HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
SUNDAY, MARCH 18, 1984  
ATTENDANCE

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>PHONE</u>
Kathryn Thegze	7435 Olcott Ave, Hammond	844-2022
Roy Duke	927 Michigan St, Hammond	932-8760
Thomas Rutkoski	1259 Memorial Dr, Calumet City, IL	862-2389
Donna Djenka	6321 Garfield Ave, Hammond	On Record
Ann Keightley	7534 Maplewood Ave, Hammond	932-0854
Lucille Friday	1805 Davis Ave, Whiting	659-7575
Jean & Alfred Hayes	1740 Oliver St, Whiting	659-0454
Alice M. Bollin	7317 Magoun Ave, Hammond	845-2697
Isabel Webb	7019 Northcote Ave, Hammond	844-4113
Kevin Clutter	7440 Magoun Ave, Hammond	844-8163
Marcella Clutter	7440 Magoun Ave, Hammond	844-8163
James W. LeVan	7406 Jackson Ave, Hammond	932-4771
James T. Bell	7142 Magoun Ave, Hammond	844-7270
Bert Hindmarch	7018 Knickerbocker, Hammond	844-3205
Harold Story	2020 Sherwood Lake Drive, Schererville	865-8494
Jule Ebert	6637 Jackson Ave, Hammond	932-3029
Malcolm Rosco	7633 Hohman Ave, Munster	836-2212
June Reeder	30 Glendale Park, Hammond	932-3837
Dorothy Bemisderfer	5111 Sohl Ave, Hammond	931-9307
Ed & Velma Hanish	6422 Van Buren Ave, Hammond	932-2293
Theodore & Helen Shatkowski	7244 Knickerbocker, Hammond	844-2913
Daryl Dunsing	7509 Monroe Ave, Hammond	
Genevieve Kendzarski	1 Waltham St, Calumet City, IL	To2-7628
Roland Clarke	7519 Jackson Ave, Hammond	931-5964
Rosemary Clarke	7519 Jackson Ave, Hammond	931-5964
Kirk A. Pinkerton	41 Glendale Park, Hammond	931-7335
M/M Paul Caldwell	7218 Madison Ave, Hammond	932-1211
J. R. Miller	37 Waltham St, Hammond	932-0554
Roger Reeder	260 - 165th St, Hammond	932-0400

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**ANNUAL HAMMOND  
ACHIEVEMENT  
AWARD**



**HENRY C. CLEVELAND, M.D.**

April 10, 1984



## PROGRAM

INVOCATION.....Jack Rogers  
MASTER OF CEREMONIES.....Dr. Barron M.F. Palmer  
TESTIMONIALS.....Frank A. Kyle  
Joseph J. Sobek

## PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Keys to the City of Hammond.....Mayor Tom McDermott  
Hammond Rotary Club President.....Nathan A. Carras  
Hammond Historical Society President.....Roger Reeder  
Hammond Achievement Award Recipient.....Dr. Henry C. Cleveland

## HENRY C. CLEVELAND, M.D.

Henry Cleveland was born June 8, 1923 in Hammond, Indiana to Henry and Florence Cleveland and graduated from Hammond High School in 1941. He received his degree in medicine from Northwestern University Medical School in 1948.

He served his surgical internship at New York Hospital, Cornell University and took residency there until 1950 when he entered the military service where he served as Chief of Surgery, United States Air Force at Lowry Air Force Base in Denver, Colorado until 1952.

Staying in Denver he became Chief Resident at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center, where today he is Clinical Professor of Surgery, in addition to his private practice in general surgery.

Dr. Cleveland has received acclaim for several areas of his field of medicine. One of his most outstanding efforts was featured on the nationwide TV series, Lifeline, where he was honored as being instrumental in developing the first helicopter trauma service from St. Anthony's Hospital in Denver. He promoted an organization specifically to train paramedics to accompany helicopters on service missions so that doctors would not have to fly themselves.

He has participated in or authored numerous medical publications and has received many awards, recently an award from the National Safety Council as the 1980 Surgeon's Award for Distinguished Service to Safety.

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## **HAMMOND ACHIEVEMENT AWARD HISTORY**

The Hammond Achievement Award was originated as a way for the City of Hammond to honor and give recognition each year to a living man or woman who was born, raised or educated in Hammond or spent a significant number of years in Hammond; who has achieved national or international fame in the field of arts, science or business and industry; and who was not from the same field of endeavor as the previous awardee. A plaque bearing the seal of Hammond and of the United States and listing the major achievements of the recipient will be on permanent display by the Hammond Historical Society in the Community Room of the Hammond Public Library.

The first award was presented in 1980 to Irv Cross, former professional football star and current CBS sportscaster and business executive.

The 1981 award was presented to Jean Shepherd, nationally known author and humorist.

The third award was presented in 1982 to Dean H. Mitchell, former chief executive officer of Northern Indiana Public Service Company.

Last year we honored Judge Luther M. Swygert, distinguished lawyer, U.S. District Judge and U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals Judge.

This year, 1984, we honor Henry C. Cleveland, M.D., who has distinguished himself nationally in the fields of thoracic surgery and emergency medicine.





**PRESCRIPTION FOR SUCCESS**

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Doctor: *Henry C. Cleveland*

*Hammond Achievement Award  
Annual Dinner*

Tuesday, April 10, 1984

Cocktails ..... 6 PM

Dinner ..... 7 PM

Northwest Indiana Symphony String Quartet

Wicker Park Social Center

Sponsors:

Hammond Rotary Club

Hammond Historical Society

Fee \$18.00 per person

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
SUNDAY, APRIL 15, 1984

The Hammond Historical Society met on Sunday, April 15, 1984 at 2:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the Hammond Public Library. Thirty-three signed the attendance sheet.

Roger Reeder presided. Marjorie Sohl reported \$2439.73 in the treasury. She gave the details for the annual meeting to be held May 8th and encouraged members to get their reservations in soon. She reported receipt of a note from Maryon Klein Bower informing us of Dollie Knotts Power's having celebrated her 99th birthday on April 9, 1984. On a motion by Bert Hindmarch, seconded by Tom Rutkoski, the secretary was instructed to send the congratulations and best wishes of the society to her belatedly.

Bert Hindmarch outlined the plans for the Centennial celebration this month. He pointed out the things on display on the literature table, brochures about the pictorial history by Lance Trusty due to be published this week; free copies of the two walking tours completed so far; the two sizes of commemorative plates at \$30 and \$15; bumper stickers and buttons at 50¢ each; and the pictorial display this month in the center of the main floor of the library which will circulate throughout the city this year. The all-sports banquet will be April 27th and Hammond's largest-ever parade will be April 28th ending with an afternoon celebration on Hammond High's football field. The society's parade entry will be a 1923 auto of John Dittrich carrying the society's officers.

Mr. Duke offered instructions for parking for the annual dinner next month at the Nazarene church: park east of the building and walk north to the annex building for the dinner and meeting.

Roger Reeder introduced the speaker for the day, Dan Rabin, long-time Hammond merchant. He was born in Romania and migrated to the Chicago area in 1920. His father ran a laundry there. He was educated in the Jewish Peoples' Institute majoring in business and theology. He was hired as manager of the Boston store in Gary in 1932. In 1937 he opened a grocery store on Hohman Avenue in Hammond where the National Tea vacated, and in 1943 started his own appliance business at Douglas and Hohman because of the war time allocation difficulties of getting groceries. His grocery patrons followed him to buy their appliances from him and were willing to wait for them to come in during the war because of his established reputation of good business. He started in business on the west side of Hohman at Douglas. He moved to the east side to expand, bought the ten houses behind the store on Douglas to develop a parking lot and warehouse.

In addition to running a successful business for 47 years, Mr. Rabin has been very active in community affairs. He founded the J.C.'s and was active in it until he was 35 years old, its upper age limit. He has held every job in the Chamber of Commerce that he has been asked to fill. He has served the Lake Area United Way; been on the Redevelopment Commission for nearly 20 years; been active in the Downtown Council; made a generous contribution to the LCOC acquiring his building for a location on Calumet Avenue in 1968; and was named the Kiwanian of the Year in 1978.



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Mr. Rabin answered several questions from the audience before the meeting adjourned at 3:20 for refreshments and a social hour.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marjorie Sohl". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
SUNDAY, APRIL 15, 1984  
ATTENDANCE

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>PHONE</u>
Tom McCarthy	7349 Calumet Ave, Hammond	931-1583
Kevin McCarthy	7349 Calumet Ave, Hammond	931-1583
Daryl Dunsing	7509 Monroe Ave, Hammond	
Donna Djenka	On record	
Fern Arnold	8806 Woodward, Highland	923-2045
Thomas Rutkoski	On record	
Florence Cleveland	8501 Manor Ave, Munster	836-6174
Mr. & Mrs. C. Gehrke	1732 Davis Ave, Whiting	659-6316
Bert Hindmarch	7018 Knickerbocker, Hammond	844-3205
Georgiana Brown	47 Lawndale St, Hammond	931-1772
Marguerite Harrison	16 Highland St, Hammond	931-2151
Conchetta Geis	7337 White Oak Ave, Hammond	
Bertha and Dan Rabin	5421 Hohman Ave, Hammond	932-0222
Helen and Ted Shatkowski	7244 Knickerbocker, Hammond	
Isabel Webb	7019 Northcote Ave, Hammond	
Alice M. Bollin	7317 Magoun Ave, Hammond	
Claude Bond	6703 Calumet Ave, Hammond	
Paul A. Caldwell	7218 Madison Ave, Hammond	
Toni Caldwell	7218 Madison Ave, Hammond	
Rosemary Clarke	7519 Jackson Ave, Hammond	
Roland Clarke	7519 Jackson Ave, Hammond	
Genevieve Kendzarski	1 Waltham St, Calumet City, IL	
Evainez Jonas	256 Detroit St, Hammond	932-5056
Kathryn Thegze	7435 Olcott Ave, Hammond	844-2022
Mr. & Mrs. Harold Wagner	6519 Forest Ave, Hammond	931-3846
Roger K. Reeder	260 - 165th St. Hammond	932-0400
Roy Duke	927 Michigan St, Hammond	932-8768
Viola Duke	927 Michigan St, Hammond	932-8768
Ethel Outler	913 Summer St, Hammond	932-4699
Elizabeth Zaranka	5004 Northcote Ave, East Chicago	398-0154
Marjorie Sohl	5615 Sohl Ave, Hammond	933-7424



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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
ANNUAL MEETING, TUESDAY, MAY 8, 1984

The annual dinner meeting of the Hammond Historical Society was held on Tuesday, May 8, 1984, at 6:30 p.m. at the First Church of the Nazarene, 815 Michigan St, Hammond. In the absence of President Roger Reeder who was out of town on business, First Vice President Bert Hindmarch welcomed the fifty eight members and friends attending. Rev. Crawford M. Howe of the host church gave the invocation. The chicken, beef and sausage dinner was catered by Betty Hutchings.

Following dinner the annual business meeting was conducted by Bert Hindmarch. Minutes of the last annual meeting had been published in the newsletter so were not read. The Secretary-Treasurer called attention to the published financial report on the back of the program folder and reminded them the balance was high anticipating the fall publication of another book. President Roger Reeder's annual report summarizing the year's activities was read by Bert Hindmarch.

Roland Clarke presented the following nominating committee report:

President - Roger Reeder  
1st Vice President - Bert Hindmarch - Programs  
2nd Vice President - Roy Duke - Membership  
3rd Vice President - Marie Mott - Publicity  
4th Vice President - Jules Ebert - Projects  
5th Vice President - Theodore Shatkowski - Annual Dinner  
Secretary -- Marjorie Sohl  
Treasurer - Evainez Jonas  
Directors - Term Expiring May, 1988  
    Ms. Alice Bollin  
    Mrs. Georgianna Brown  
    Daryl Dunsing  
    Tom Rutkowski  
    Mrs. E. Isabel Webb

There being no nominations from the floor, Roland Clarke moved and Roy Duke seconded a motion that the nominated slate be declared elected unanimously. Carried.

Evainez Jonas conducted a very effective candle lighting memorial service for the five members who had passed on this year, Herbert Geiger, Stella Minor, Delbert Purkey, Peter Smidt, C.A. Stevens, and for our society's organizer and founder, John Wilhelm, who died earlier today.

Rev. Crawford M. Howe presented a brief history of the First Church of the Nazarene, which in 1982 celebrated its 75th Anniversary. Open air prayer meetings were held in Stiglits Park in 1906. On March 10, 1907, the church was organized by the District Superintendent with 85 charter members. A few years later, in 1911, a church was built on its present location. In 1922 they built a new brick church on the same location. A crack developed in one wall and in 1929, they built a third church on the same location, with an \$85,000 indebtedness. The crash of 1929 came and giving dropped from \$35,000 a year to \$5,000 a year. They struggled until 1944 when they had reduced the indebtedness to \$15,000. Rev. Edward Hardy came and financed the

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church with life insurance sales. Many families mortgaged their homes to help meet the church debt. Since 1933 this church has fostered 16 new churches. Dr. Mary Scott who was born and raised in the church, taught English at Hammond High School and then went to China as a missionary. When the World War II broke out, she was taken prisoner by the Japanese and held for 4 years. When she was released and returned, she went to the Kansas City office to head the missions office of the larger church for 25 years. Rev. Howe presented the society with a copy of the church's 75th Anniversary booklet of its history.

Bert Hindmarch introduced the speaker of the evening, Dr. William McNabney, Director of Research for the Hammond Public Schools, who has recently completed a centennial history of Hammond High School. He got started at it because the Hammond High yearbook was in financial trouble. In trying to determine what he could do to help them, he remembered all the school history he had recently uncovered in working with Clarence Cole on a history of Lincoln School. He organized it and put it down in book form and is now selling copies of the history which came out in April of this year.

Hammond High School was started in 1884 with 12 students as a three year high school and graduated three female students in its first class. In 1887 it added a fourth year and named it Hammond High School. A new building was dedicated in 1894. Mr. McNabney discovered that the early school administrations faced the same problems the school administrators face today: mergers, tuition and money. By 1910 the building was too full. Land was acquired at Highland and Calumet through A. Murray Turner for the building of the present building, greatly remodelled now. Mr. Spohn was hired as a teacher in 1905. He later moved to Minneapolis but was called back to become principal in 1919 where he remained until his retirement, becoming a significant part of the history of Hammond High.

Mr. McNabney fielded a few questions before the meeting adjourned at 9 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Marjorie Sohl*

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary



HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
ANNUAL MEETING, TUESDAY, MAY 8, 1984  
ATTENDANCE

Fern Arnold  
Foster Arnold  
Ruth Arnold  
Eucice Barrett  
Alice Bollin  
Claude Bond  
Mrs. Paul Caldwell  
Paul Caldwell  
Roland Clarke  
Rosemary Clarke  
Florence Cleveland  
Kevin Clutter  
Marcella Clutter  
Donna Djenka  
Roy Duke  
Mrs. Roy Duke  
Daryl Dunsing  
Mrs. Daryl Dunsing  
Jules Ebert  
Mrs. C. S. Friday  
Helen Fullgraf  
Henrietta Gillespie  
Irene Hammond  
Ed. Hanish  
Velma Hanish  
Ray Hartfield  
Mabel Hartfield  
Mr. A.H. Hayes  
Mrs. A. H. Hayes  
Mr. Hemphill  
Mrs. Hemphill  
Bert Hindmarch  
Crawford Howe  
Mrs. Crawford Howe  
Howe Child  
Evainez Jonas  
Willard Jonas  
Irene Kunkel  
Hazel Lindstrom  
Eileen Luney  
Tom Luney  
William McNabney  
Mrs. William McNabney  
Maintenance Man  
Maintenance Woman  
J. Ralston Miller  
Ethel Outler  
Tony Seidler  
Mrs. Tony Seidler  
Theodore Shatkowski  
Mrs. Theodore Shatkowski  
Marjorie Sohl  
Melvin Spangler  
Emma Spangler  
Andy Spisak  
Harold Wagner  
Mrs. Harold Wagner  
Isabel Webb

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**Tuesday  
May 1, 1984**

**THE TIMES**

☐ **HAMMOND** — Reservations must be made by Friday for the annual dinner meeting of the Hammond Historical Society.

The dinner will be at 6:30 p.m. May 8 at the Church of the Nazarene, Michigan Street and Calumet Avenue. Rev. Crawford M. Howe will speak about the history of the church, which is celebrating its 75th anniversary, and William McNabney of the Hammond public school system will speak about the centennial of Hammond High. Contact Marjorie Sohl at the Hammond Public Library for reservations.



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FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
May 1, 1983 to April 30, 1984

BALANCE ON HAND May 1, 1983.....\$1,728.80

RECEIPTS:

Dues.....	\$1,461.00
Dinners.....	282.00
Bi-Centennial Books.....	204.00
Bus Tour.....	66.50
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$2,013.50</b>

DISBURSEMENTS:

Bus Tour.....	\$ 154.00
Membership Gifts.....	105.00
Newsletter.....	81.93
Postage.....	248.50
Refreshments.....	25.00
Dinners.....	325.00
Donation.....	50.00
Advertising & Supplies.....	102.40
Bi-Centennial Books.....	268.00
Miscellaneous.....	16.00
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>\$1,375.83</b>

BALANCE ON HAND April 30, 1984                      \$2,366.47

PAST PRESIDENTS  
1959 to 1983

Mr. John Wilhelm  
Mr. Warren A. Reeder, Jr.\*  
Mr. Edward B. Hayward\*  
Mrs. Vincent Bower  
Mr. George Nelson  
Mr. Anton Tapper\*  
Mrs. Mary Peters\*  
Mrs. Harry Wilson  
Mr. Walter Bell\*  
Mrs. Henry Cleveland  
Miss Marjorie Sohl  
Mr. Gordon Whitney

Mr. Verlyn Mack  
Mrs. Vina Cravens  
Mrs. Leona Schreiber  
Mr. Kurt Marx\*  
Miss Fern Arnold  
Mrs. Willard Jonas  
Mrs. Grace Mack  
Mr. Charles McGregor  
Mr. Jules Ebert  
Mr. Bert Hindmarch  
Mr. Jerome Kutak

\*Deceased\*

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TWENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL DINNER MEETING

# HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY



MAY 8, 1984

WHAT'S FOR DINNER CAROLINE?



HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
24th ANNUAL DINNER MEETING  
May 8th, 1984 6:30 p.m.

First Church of the Nazarene  
815 Michigan Street, Hammond

WELCOME.....Mr. Bert Hindmarch

INVOCATION.....Rev. Crawford M. Howe

\* DINNER \*

#### BUSINESS MEETING AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

##### Minutes of Premious Annual Meeting

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary  
Annual Financial Report

Marjorie Sohl, Treasurer  
President's Annual Report

Roger Reeder, by Bert Hindmarch  
Nominating Committee Report  
Roland Clarke

MEMORIAL SERVICE.....Mrs. Evainez Jonas

##### In Memory of:

Herbert Geiger      Delbert Purkey  
Stella Minor      Peter C. Smidt  
C. A. Stephan

"HISTORY OF THE FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE  
.....Rev. Crawford M. Howe

100 YEARS OF HAMMOND HIGH SCHOOL  
.....Dr. William McNabney

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### ADJOURNMENT

#### OFFICERS 1983 - 1984

President.....Roger Reeder  
1st Vice President.....Bert Hindmarch  
2nd Vice President.....Roy Duke  
3rd Vice President.....Marie Mott  
4th Vice President.....Jules Ebert  
5th Vice President.....Conchetta Geis  
Secretary-Treasurer.....Marjorie Sohl



#### DIRECTORS

##### Term thru May, 1984

Mrs. Winifrede Barenie  
Mrs. Dorothy Bemisderfer  
Mr. Tom Rutkowski  
Mrs. Wanda Seevers  
Mr. James Towle

##### Term thru May, 1986

Mr. Kevin Augustyn  
Miss Margaret Gunderson  
Mr. J. Ralston Miller  
Mr. Melvin Spangler  
Mrs. Kathryn Thegze

##### Term thru May, 1985

Mr. Roland Clarke  
Mr. Edward Hanish  
Mr. Alfred Hayes  
Mrs. Tom Luney  
Mrs. Marie Wilhelm

##### Term thru May, 1987

Mr. Jerome Kutak  
Mr. Saul Lerner  
Mr. Charles McGregor  
Mrs. Anna Stevesand  
Mr. Harold Story



# FINANCIAL STATEMENT May 1, 1983 to April 30, 1984

BALANCE ON HAND May 1, 1983.....\$1,728.80

## RECEIPTS:

Dues.....	\$1,461.00
Dinners.....	282.00
Bi-Centennial Books.....	204.00
Bus Tour.....	<u>66.50</u>
Total Receipts	\$2,013.50

## DISBURSEMENTS:

Bus Tour.....	\$ 154.00
Membership Gifts.....	105.00
Newsletter.....	81.93
Postage.....	248.50
Refreshments.....	25.00
Dinners.....	325.00
Donation.....	50.00
Advertising & Supplies.....	102.40
Bi-Centennial Books.....	268.00
Miscellaneous.....	<u>16.00</u>
Total Disbursements	\$1,375.83

BALANCE ON HAND April 30, 1984 \$2,366.47

## PAST PRESIDENTS 1959 to 1983

Mr. John Wilhelm  
Mr. Warren A. Reeder, Jr.\*  
Mr. Edward B. Hayward\*  
Mrs. Vincent Bower  
Mr. George Nelson  
Mr. Anton Tapper\*  
Mrs. Mary Peters\*  
Mrs. Harry Wilson  
Mr. Walter Bell\*  
Mrs. Henry Cleveland  
Miss Marjorie Sohl  
Mr. Gordon Whitney

Mr. Verlyn Mack  
Mrs. Vina Cravens  
Mrs. Leona Schreiber  
Mr. Kurt Marx\*  
Miss Fern Arnold  
Mrs. Willard Jonas  
Mrs. Grace Mack  
Mr. Charles McGregor  
Mr. Jules Ebert  
Mr. Bert Hindmarch  
Mr. Jerome Kutak

\*Deceased\*

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**Friday,  
September 9, 1983**

## **Gardens tour set**

HAMMOND — The Hammond Historical Society will tour the Indiana Botanic Gardens Sept. 18.

A bus will leave the Lake County Superior Court building, 232 Russell St., at 1:30 p.m. Because the bus holds only 45 persons, reservations should be made by contacting Marjorie Sohl at the Hammond Public Library, 564 State St.

**Friday  
Sept. 14, 1984**

□ HAMMOND — David Lester, a free-lance writer and industrial arts teacher with Michigan City school system, will speak on the "Indiana Interurban Railroad System" at 2:30 p.m. Sunday in the Community Meeting Room at the Main Library, 564 State St., Hammond.

The program is sponsored by the Hammond Historical Society. According to Lester, Indiana has the largest and best interurban railroad system in the United States and the last true interurban system — namely the Chicago, South Shore and South Bend Railroad. Refreshments will be served and visitors are welcome.



HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 1984

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The first meeting this fall of the Hammond Historical Society was held on Sunday, September 16, 1984 at 2:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the Hammond Public Library. The meeting was called to order by the President, Roger Reeder. The attendance sheet which was passed showed thirty-six attended.

Bert Hindmarch gave an update on the programming. The speaker scheduled for today was ill, Dr. Conrad A. Engelder, speaking on New Harmony and Father George Rapp. He has been rescheduled for the next meeting on Sunday, October 21, 1984. Bert reminded all of the History Conference at Purdue Calumet, co-sponsored by Purdue, the Hammond Historical Society and the Hammond Centennial Committee. This year it has the theme of Hammond and the Calumet Region: a Centennial Conference. Registration is \$12, including lunch. Speakers will include Lance Trusty, Archibald McKinlay and others.

Marjorie Sohl gave an update of scheduled future events for the Hammond Centennial Celebration and mentioned recent past activities, the Augustfest and the International Cultural Festival. Upcoming are the concert in Harrison Park on Sunday, September 23, and the Octoberfest on Saturday, October 6 in Harrison Park.

Evainez Jonas reported \$3,188.92 in the checking account and \$609.22 in the Savings account from Life Memberships--a new one recently added by Margaret Gunderson.

Roger Reeder announced a Board of Directors meeting for Saturday, October 20, 1984 at 10 a.m. in the Calumet Room of the Hammond Public Library.

Bert Hindmarch introduced the speaker for the day who had so graciously agreed to substitute for Mr. Engelder on such short notice: Mr. David Lester from Michigan City, speaking on the Interurban Railway lines in Indiana. Mr. Lester is a free lance writer and an elementary and manual arts teacher for the Michigan City School System. Mr. Lester said he grew up in Hagerstown where the interurban line had a track past their farm and he developed an early interest in the interurban system. "He learned early that Hoosiers were a mobile people, having a great variety of transportation systems criss-crossing the state: wagon trails, cordoroy roads, canals, railroads and finally airways. The old national road that cut across the center of the state brought hundreds across Indiana who were going west. Now hundreds of miles of railroad beds lie empty and unused.

The Interurban system which developed and flourished from 1890 to 1940 was unique in the country. Indiana and Ohio had the highest concentration of miles of interurban tracks in the country with 2500 miles of track in Indiana and 3000 in Ohio. Indiana's was more complex and carried more passengers. Indianapolis was the center of the system. In 1904 a large nine story terminal building was built with nine tracks running in to the building and between 1910 and 1920, four hundred cars arrived every day. Fort Wayne had the first horse

drawn cars. By 1882-83, electrification arrived and by 1895 was quite common with small depots springing up overnight. They started as city street cars, then reached out to the suburbs and then expanded between cities, creating a network of small companies, most of short duration. They had the advantage over steam trains of being faster, cleaner and quieter. The South Shore from South Bend to Chicago developed during this period and today is the only electric interurban line still in existence. In its day it was the epitome of the interurban lines, with the highest standards of speed, dependability and efficiency, as well as the most beautiful cars.

The demise of the interurban systems was caused by the development of the automobile and the highway system. The automobile was a more flexible means to transport oneself when and where one wanted to go. However with the congestion and pollution problems caused by the automobile, and the efficiency of the electric systems for mass transportation, we would do well to consider such a system again.

Mr. Lester showed a map of Indiana with the complex web of interurban lines outlined. It showed a greater concentration of lines around Indianapolis and in the eastern part of the state. On questioning, he defined the difference between interurban and trolley as the interurban operating between cities and the trolley within a city.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m. for refreshments and a social hour.

Respectfully submitted,



Marjorie Sohl  
Secretary



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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 1984  
ATTENDANCE

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>PHONE</u>
Donna Djenka		
Thomas Rutkowski		
Warren Black	Lansing, IL	
Lucille Friday	Whiting, IN	
Jean & Alfred Hayes	Whiting, IN	659-0454
Cora Dilon	Dyer, IN	365-8680
Harold Story	Schererville	865-8494
Jule Ebert	6637 Jackson Ave. Hammond	932-3029
Roy Duke	927 Michigan St. Hammond	932-8760
Verlyn Mack	14 Ruth St. Hammond	937-9073
Grace Mack	14 Ruth St. Hammond	937-9073
Marsha Hahney	The Times	
Marcella Clutter	7440 Magoun Ave. Hammond	844-8163
Kevin Clutter	7440 Magoun Ave. Hammond	844-8163
Isiae Carter	7416 Beech Ave. Hammond	845-7305
Evainez Jonas	256 Detroit St. Hammond	932-5056
Hazel Lindstrom	410 Conkey St. Hammond	932-8459
Isabel Webb	7019 Northcote Ave. Hammond	844-4113
Florence Bond	1733 - 174th St. Hammond	844-1769
Alice M. Bollin	7317 Magoun Ave. Hammond	845-2697
J. Ralston Miller	37 Waltham St. Hammond	932-0334
Paul Caldwell	7218 Madison Ave. Hammond	932-1211
Toni Caldwell	7218 Madison Ave. Hammond	932-1211
Dorothy Bemisderfer	5111 Sohl Ave. Hammond	931-9307
Roland (Ron) Clarke	7519 Jackson Ave. Hammond	931-5964
Rosemary Clarke	7519 Jackson Ave. Hammond	931-5964
M/M Daryl Dunsing	7509 Monroe Ave. Hammond	931-3110
Geraldine R. Bartels	223 Timrick Dr. Munster	836-4174
V. Drunfelds	Paw Paw, MI. Guest	
Roger Reeder		
Anna M. Kowalczyk	1824 Fisher St, Munster	923-5609
Henry Kowalczyk	1824 Fisher St. Munster	923-5609
Marjorie Sohl		
Bert Hindmarch		

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# S. Shore RR sole survivor

By MARSHA HAHNEY  
Times Correspondent

HAMMOND — Remember those stickers on the old South Shore cars, proclaiming it to be "the little train that could"?

Well, it did.

The Chicago South Shore and South Bend Railroad is the sole surviving inter-urban railway system in the United States, according to David Lester. Lester, who is an industrial arts teacher and freelance writer from Michigan City, addressed Sunday's meeting of the Hammond Historical Society.

Lester said inter-urban railroads, by definition, are those running between cities via electric power. During their 50-year heyday, between about 1890 and 1940, there were a multitude of inter-urban lines running over 2,500 miles of track in Indiana, he said.

But the South Shore is the only line in the United States that survived the onslaught of the automobile.

The line continues to transport commuters between South Bend and Chicago on a daily basis — and although it's up for sale, it appears to still be going strong.

Lester said the inter-urban lines were an offshoot of streetcar systems, which expanded outside of cities during the late 1800s to increase ridership. Services often extended to a tourist attraction outside of the city and then continued on to the next town, he said.

The first streetcars were pulled by horses and mules, but Frank J. Sprague of Richmond, Va., had a better idea in 1887 when he designed

the first electric streetcar system. It took several more years for streetcar operators to perfect the power delivery system, and the South Shore Railroad was launched in 1908 after all the bugs had been worked out.

The inter-urban lines had several advantages over conventional coal-fired trains, Lester said, because they were faster, quieter and non-polluting. Because they didn't have to worry about the smoke the coal-powered trains generated, he said, inter-urban systems often operated much more ornate and comfortable passenger cars.

The South Shore was no exception, carrying tourists and commuters in fancy cars complete with brass fittings and hardwood trim. The once-familiar cars were retired several years ago in favor of sleeker, double-decker models.

During the 1920s, Lester said, the South Shore was "the standard by which the inter-urban lines were measured" because of its speed, dependability, efficiency and beautiful cars and facilities.

It wasn't obsolescence that did in the other inter-urban lines, Lester said, but the popularity of the automobile. He said travelers preferred the freedom of transporting themselves on their own schedules, and as the car gained in favor, the inter-urban lines faded away.

All, that is, except the South Shore.

Lester said with the high gas prices of today and the worries about air pollution, "it would be wise for the powers that be to consider such systems again."



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**Thursday**  
**October 18, 1984**

# THE TIMES

□ HAMMOND — Conrad A. Engelder, professor of history at Valparaiso University, will address the Hammond Historical Society at 2:30 p.m. Sunday in the Hammond Public Library, 564 State St.

He will speak about "New Harmony and the German Rappites," tracing the life of Father George Rapp and his followers. He also will discuss the three communities Rapp's group founded, including New Harmony, Ind.

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
BOARD MEETING  
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20, 1984

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The Board of Directors of the Hammond Historical Society met at 10 a.m. on Saturday, October 20, 1984 in the Calumet Room of the Hammond Public Library. Thirteen members attended. Five had called in to be excused. Roger Reeder presided.

Treasurer Evainez Jonas was unable to attend but provided a report of \$3,215.71 in the checking account, \$609.19 in the savings from Life memberships for a total of \$3,824.90. Roger Reeder reported that at least \$600.00 had been donated in memorials for John Wilhelm that had been deposited in the general treasury but might be designated for a special project if so desired.

Bert Hindmarch gave a report of programs lined up for the future meetings:

- Oct. 21, 1984 - Prof. Conrad Engelder of Valparaiso University on Father George Rapp, Founder of New Harmony and the German Rappites.
- Nov. 18, 1984 - History of Citizen's Federal Savings and Loan celebrating its 50th anniversary Tom Prisby or some other designated officer.
- Jan. 20, 1985 - Dave Cole with a history of the Prohl Family.
- Feb. 17, 1985 - Rich Van Orman from Purdue Calumet comparing Africa and the Old West.
- Mar. 17, 1985 - Open yet
- Apr. 21, 1985 - Open yet
- May, 1985 - Annual Dinner, John Wilhelm of the Hoosier Bank. Suggestions for the remaining open meetings were encouraged.

Bert Hindmarch also encouraged attendance at the Purdue Calumet History Day on Saturday, Nov. 3, \$12 registration includes lunch. Flyers were available.

Bert reported that he, Marge Sohl and Kathryn Thegze had met with Rotary Board at their last luncheon meeting in the Masonic Temple to discuss with them the Hammond Achievement Award. Ideas for potential candidates were encouraged.

Mr. Duke agreed to work with Evainez Jonas in trying to reach members who are arrears in their dues.

Mrs. Jonas has a new supply of stationery for the Society for those who have need of it.

Roger reported the proof reading of the text for the next publication has been completed. We have decided to add the memorial articles for Mr. Hayward and Mr. Wilhelm and pictures need to be selected to accompany some of the articles.



Mrs. Jonas had suggested that to help the Bicentennial committee distribute some of the Bicentennial books, we automatically give this book to new members. If they already have it, then they may choose from our other publications. This was so moved and seconded by Bert Hindmarch and Jerry Kutak and carried.

A letter from Bishop Noll was received asking that Bishop Noll Institute Librarian be placed on our Bulletin mailing list. It was determined that Bishop Noll has a membership and was already on the mailing list. The Secretary will write them this information.

Mr. Shatkowski was reminded that as 5th Vice President, he was responsible for arrangements for the annual dinner and was asked to work on contacting some church where we have not yet met to host the dinner meeting in May. Suggestions made were the Masonic Temple where Garfield Lodge is celebrating it's 100th anniversary and the Methodist Church whose parent organization is celebrating 200 years.

Comments on the Newsletter contents were encouraged and contributions solicited. Roger had a letter from Mrs. Hayward and suggested we include parts of it as well as a book from the Wilhelm Family reunion.

The meeting adjourned at 11 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Marjorie Sohl*

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
BOARD MEETING  
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20, 1984

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<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>PHONE</u>
Edward Hanish	6422 Van Buren Ave. Hammond	932-2293
Bert Hindmarch	7018 Knickerbocker	844-3205
Jerome F. Kutak	18 Glendale Park, Hammond	836-2120
Theodore J. Shatkowski	7244 Knickerbocker Parkway	844-2913
Georgiana L. Brown	47 Lawndale St, Hammond	931-1772
Daryl Dunsing	7509 Monroe, Hammond	931-3110
Roy Duke	927 Michigan St. Hammond	932-8768
Harold R. Story	2020 Sherwood Lake Dr, Schererville	
Alice M. Bollin	7317 Magoun, Hammond	845-2697
Melvin Spangler	506 Avalon Drive, Dyer	865-1062
Roland (Ron) Clarke	7519 Jackson, Hammond	931-5964
Roger K. Reeder	7014 Forest Ave, Hammond	932-2233
Marjorie Sohl	5615 Sohl Ave, Hammond	933-7424



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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21, 1984

The Hammond Historical Society met at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, October 21, 1984 in the Community Room of the Hammond Public Library. Thirty-four signed the attendance sheet.

Roger Reeder, presiding, summarized business conducted at the Board of Directors meeting yesterday. Marjorie Sohl gave the treasurers report for Mrs. Jonas. Bert Hindmarch reported on the meetings scheduled for the rest of the Society year and encouraged attendance at the Purdue Calumet History Day, Nov. 3. A motion was made, seconded and carried for the Society to send a \$50 contribution to Purdue to help defray the History Day expenses.

Bert Hindmarch introduced the speaker for the day, Dr. Conrad Engelder, Professor of History at Valparaiso University to talk on "New Harmony and the German Rappites."

Father George Rapp was born in Wurttemberg in the southwest part of what we now know as Germany in 1757 to a Luthern farming family. He was baptised, confirmed and married in the Luthern church. He demonstrated early an interest in religion and showed leadership traits. In his mid-twenties he began to question his Luthernism. He opposed the University educated clergy when Christ had selected his followers from common fishermen. He denounced the church and the establishment and started his own church as a layman. He gained thousands of followers but also received increased harassment until in 1803 he left for the U. S. to find a place for his followers. Four hundred of his followers came before he had found a place for them. They spent a year west of Philadelphia supported by sympathetic German-Americans there. In 1804 they moved 30 miles north of Philadelphia to establish their first settlement of Harmony. Commercial ideas began to develop there. Houses were small because they removed children from their parents by 4 years old to be raised together by the community. They cooked and ate in a community kitchen and farmed for a living. After ten years there they began to look for a place to move to expand, and one that had a warmer climate where they could raise grapes for wine. They sold their community to the Menonites and moved to the Wabash Valley to establish New Harmony, Indiana where there was good, cheap land and a warmer climate. They first built log cabins where they lived until they had time to build two story frame houses designed by Father Rapp's adopted son Frederick, the architect and business manager of the group. They built a whole new community there with church and grainery and dorms and businesses. They grew commercially, trading with other such communities. In ten years discontent grew and they decided to move again, in 1824, and established Economy, 25 miles down the Ohio River from Pittsburg. They believed the millennium was coming in their lifetime and they need not worry about children. Therefore celibacy was practiced and consequently their community died out. The last member died in 1905. Their property was in litigation for years and finally the State of Pennsylvania took it over and now runs it.

The meeting adjourned at 3:50 for refreshments and a social hour.

Respectfully submitted,

*Marjorie Sohl*

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21, 1984  
ATTENDANCE

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<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>PHONE</u>
Debbie McGough	243 Detroit, Hammond	931-7184
Donna Djenka	Hammond	
Mary Ruch	Hammond	
Carol & Jerome Kutak	Hammond	
Geraldine R. Bartels	Munster	
M/M Paul Caldwell	Hammond	
Mr. & Mrs. Daryl Dunsing		
Hazel Lindstrom	410 Conkey, Hammond	932-8459
Edward L. Hanish	6422 Van Duren, Hammond	932-2293
Marcella Clutter	7440 Magoun, Hammond	844-8163
Kevin Clutter	7440 Magoun, Hammond	844-8163
Ruby Prince	1033 Spruce, Hammond	
Sydelle Engelder	Valpo	
Melvin Spangler	506 Avalon Drive, Dyer	
Emma Spangler	506 Avalon Drive, Dyer	
Jule Ebert	6637 Jackson, Hammond	932-3029
Roy Duke	927 Michigan, Hammond	932-8768
Rosemary & Roland Clarke	7519 Jackson, Hammond	931-5964
J. Ralston Miller	37 Waltham, Hammond	932-0554
Roger K. Reeder	260 - 165th St. Hammond	932-0400
Bert Hindmarch	7018 Knickerbocker, Hammond	844-3205
Saul Lerner	1543 - 170th, Hammond	845-1279
Alfred & Jean Hayes	Whiting	
Mrs. Friday	Whiting	
Tony & Olive Seidler	Munster	
Harold R. Story	2020 Sherwood Lake Dr.	865-8494
Thomas Retkowski	1299 Memorial Dr, C.C. Il.	
Marge Sohl		



HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 1984

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The regular meeting of the Hammond Historical Society was held on Sunday, November 18, 1984 at 2:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the Hammond Public Library. Roger Reeder presided. Thirty-four signed the attendance sheet.

Bert Hindmarch reminded us that there will be no meeting in December. He announced the programs scheduled for January and February: Dave Cole on the Prohl family and Mr. Van Orman on Africa and the West. Evainez Jonas reported \$2977.59 in the checking account and \$609.19 in the savings from life memberships, totaling \$3,586.78.

Bert Hindmarch introduced the program of the day on Citizens Federal Savings. He presented Tom Prisby, son of Walter Prisby, founder and president who in turn introduced the other two speakers, Gerald R. Skrabala and Janice S. Dobrinich.

Mr. Prisby presented general background on banking and identified the difference between banks and savings and loan organizations.

Mr. Skrabala presented an outline of the important dates in the 50 year history of Citizens Federal from its founding in 1934 up to 1980.

Janice Dobrinach presented biographical information on the six men who have served as president of Citizens Federal and she listed its current directors. Appropriate slides of buildings and people were shown throughout the three presentations.

Mr. Prisby then returned to speak about the current history and the recent explosion in size as Citizens Federal, First Federal Savings of East Chicago and Gary Federal were all merged together on August 31, 1983 into the largest savings and loan in the state. Citizens Federal and its 215 employees are very involved in Hammond and its future.

Mr. Prisby answered a few questions from the audience and refreshments were served during a social hour.

Respectfully submitted,

*Marjorie Sohl*

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 1984  
ATTENDANCE

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<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>PHONE</u>
Donna Djenka	<del>1 Waltham St. Calumet City, IL</del>	
Mrs. G. Kendzelisk	1 Waltham St. Calumet City, IL	
Mr. & Mrs. R. Clarke	7519 Jackson Ave, Hammond	931-5964
Bert Hindmarch	7018 Knickerbocker PKwy, Ham'd	844-3205
Mary J. Ruch	516 Waltham St. Hammond	931-2232
Ruth Arnold	8806 Woodward Ave. Highland	932-2045
Fern Arnold	8806 Woodward Ave. Highland	932-2045
Lucille Friday	1805 Davis Ave. Whiting	659-7575
Jean & Alfred Hayes	1740 Oliver St. Whiting	659-0454
Thomas Christof	1708 Lake Ave. Whiting	659-4218
Harold Story	2020 Sherwood Lake, Schererville	865-8494
Roy Duke	927 Michigan St. Hammond	932-8768
Jule Ebert	6637 Jackson Ave, Hammond	932-3029
Thomas Rutkowski	1259 Memorial Park, C.C. IL	
Roger Reeder		
J. Ralston Miller	37 Waltham St, Hammond	932-0554
Rudy Folta	7732 Hohman Avenue	836-5151
Milton L. Meriam	541-173rd St, Hammond	932-7851
Edward Hanish	6422 Van Buren Ave. Hammond	932-2293
Melvin Spangler	506 Avalon Dr. Dyer	865-1062
Emma Spangler	506 Avalon Dr. Dyer	865-1062
Daryl Dunsing	7509 Monroe Ave. Hammond	931-3110
Emma Dunsing	7509 Monroe Ave. Hammond	931-3110
Isabel Webb	7019 Northcote Avenue, Hammond	844-4113
Kathryn Thegze	7455 Olcott Ave. Hammond	844-2022
Evainez Jonas	256 Detroit St. Hammond	932-5056
M/M Paul Caldwell	7218 Madison Ave. Hammond	932-1211
Willard G. Minas	6628 Jackson Ave. Hammond	932-8998
Harold & Helen Wagner	6519 Forest Ave. Hammond	931-3846
Marjorie Sohl	5615 Sohl Ave. Hammond	9337424



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**Thursday**  
**January 24, 1985**

# THE TIMES

□ HAMMOND — David E. Cole who will recount a history of Hammond's Prohl family at 2:30 p.m. Sunday in the community room of the Hammond Public Library, 564 State St.

The Hammond Historical Society will host the speech, in which Cole will tell of the original homestead that was located on the present site of the Woodmar Country Club and of the 480 Prohl descendants who recently had their 54th reunion. The Prohl family, one of Hammond's first settlers, came to the United States from Germany in 1853. The meeting is open to the public and refreshments will be served.

Hammond Historical Society  
Sunday, January 27, 1985

The Hammond Historical Society met on Sunday, January 27, 1985 at 2:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the Hammond Public Library. Roger Reeder presided. The attendance sheet was signed by 36 members and friends.

Vice President Ted Shatkowski in charge of the annual dinner in May announced that arrangements had been made to hold it at the First United Methodist Church on Monday, May 13. Other details will be announced later.

Vice President Bert Hindmarch announced that the committee meeting jointly with Hammond Rotary Club had selected the Awardee for the 1985 Hammond Achievement Award. Jules Power will be honored at the dinner on Tuesday, April 16, at the Wicker Park Social Center. Tickets are \$18.00 and are available from any committee members or at the library. Jules Power is founder and president of his own TV producing company; he has been producer of such TV shows as Mr. Wizard, Discovery, and Over Easy featuring Hugh Downs. He has most recently produced films for the Disney Cable. He has won numerous honors and awards for his TV productions in educational TV. He was born, raised and educated in Hammond and Northwestern University where he graduated cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa on a speech and communication scholarship. He now lives in California but travels and lectures widely. His program will include clips of some of his video.

Mrs. Jonas reported the checking account balance of \$2,980.36 and \$606.19 in the Life Membership savings account.

Bert Hindmarch announced the program at the next meeting on February 17 will feature Richard Van Orman speaking on Hotels of the West. He then introduced the speaker for today, Mr. Dave Cole, born and raised in Hammond, now a Munster resident and businessman who last year published a history of the Prohl family. Last year the Prohl family held its 54th consecutive family reunion at Wicker Park, gathering there each year since 1941. Dave's father, Clarence Cole, was in the audience. He was born in Hammond in 1906 to Elizabeth Prohl, eighth of the eleven children of John Prohl and his wife.

The Prohl family was one of the early families to come to this area from Germany. Life of the tenant farmer in Germany became unbearable and neighbors who came to America in the early 1850's encouraged them to come. They first settled in New York and then in the Lincoln Park area of Chicago, but the building of the Michigan Central Railroad and the desire for more open spaces enticed them to the Little Calumet River area adjacent to the current Woodmar Country Club in about 1859. Other families settled there in the 1860's. The river flooded often but they hung on.



The eldest daughter married John Kuhlman and they moved to Hoffman and Hohman where they ran a hardware store and a restaurant/tavern. He became a city alderman and street commissioner. His parents farmed in Calumet City in the area that is now River Oaks Shopping Center. She was the grandmother of our member Jules Ebert.

Mr. Cole went thru the list of all eleven of the children: Fred, Ellen, George, Caroline, John, Elizabeth, William, Christian, and Henry and told who each married, how many children they had and what they did for a living. Ten of the forty-six children of these original eleven children of John Prohl and his wife are still living.

Mr. Cole encouraged anyone who has ever thought about doing a family history to get busy at it. Take a tape recorder and go visit as many as possible of the older family members and record their stories before it is too late. He showed pictures taken at their family reunions, showing how they have grown in size over the years and also had copies of his book available for examination.

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m. for refreshments and conversation.

Respectfully submitted,

*Marjorie Sohl*

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
SUNDAY, JANUARY 27, 1985  
ATTENDANCE

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<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>PHONE</u>
Roy Duke	927 Michigan, Hammond	932-8768
Donna Djenka		
Mary Ruch		
Lucille Friday	1805 Davis Ave, Whiting	659-7575
Jean & Alfred Hayes	1740 Oliver St, Whiting	659-0454
L. Shephard	7424 Beech Ave, Hammond	844-4595
Nellie Tunis	7338 Birch Ave, Hammond	844-0046
Jule Ebert	6637 Jackson Ave, Hammond	932-3029
Milton Meriam	541 - 173rd St, Hammond	932-7851
Claude Bond	8703 Calumet Ave, Hammond	931-4333
Harold Story	2020 Sherwood Lake Drive,	865-8494
Howard Cook	6926 Osborn Ave, Hammond	844-0771
Marcella Clutter	7440 Magoun Ave, Hammond	844-8163
Paul Clutter	7440 Magoun Ave, Hammond	844-8163
Herb Clutter		
Corene Porter	8659 Manor Ave, Munster	836-9166
Evelyn Hill	7028 Ridgeland Ave, Hammond	844-6217
Albert Paschen	723 Spruce St, Hammond	932-4847
Helen Shatkowski	7244 Knickerbocker Pkwy, Ham'd	844-2913
Theodore J. Shatkowski	7244 Knickerbocker Pkwy, Ham'd	844-2913
Hazel Lindstram	410 Conkey St, Hammond	932-8959
Daryl Dunsing	7509 Monroe Ave, Hammond	
Rosemary Clarke	7519 Jackson Ave, Hammond	
Roland (Ron) Clarke	7519 Jackson Ave, Hammond	
Paul Caldwell	7218 Madison Ave, Hammond	832-1211
Toni Caldwell	7218 Madison Ave, Hammond	832-1211
Clarence Cole	2209 Tanglewood Drive, Hammond	845-6376
Velma Hanish	6422 Van Buren Ave, Hammond	932-2293
Edward Hanish	6422 Van Buren Ave, Hammond	932-2293
Roger Reeder	260 - 165th Street, Hammond	932-0400
Evainez Jonas	256 Detroit St, Hammond	932-5056
Wanda Seevers	18257 Roy St, Lansing, IL	312-474-3435
Marge Sohl		
Bert Hindmarch		
Dave Cole		



HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1985

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The Hammond Historical Society met at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, February 17, 1985 in the Hammond Public Library Community Room. Twenty six signed the attendance sheet. Roger Reeder presided. In the absence of the treasurer, he reported a balance on hand of \$3,576.72.

Jules Ebert explained the display which he brought today of twenty eight 5x7 inch picture frames attached together for a pictorial display of the past presidents of the society. How to display and use it will be discussed at the March 16 Board meeting.

Marge Sohl announced the next program will be given by Angeline Sarivalas, a local author who has recently published A CHRONICLE OF A FAMILY, the story of the Greek culture of her parents, their exodus to this country, and their life here to date. Marge also announced and had tickets available for the Hammond Achievement Award Dinner on April 16 honoring Jules Power, TV Producer, Director and Author. Dinner is at 7 p.m. at Wicker Park Social Center for \$18 for prime rib dinner.

Ted Shatkowski announced the annual dinner of the society will be Monday, May 13 at the First Methodist Church for \$6.00.

Roger Reeder introduced our speaker, Professor Richard A. Van Orman of Purdue Calumet who spoke on hotels of the Old West. His interest in hotels stems from the fact he is a member of an early hotel family from the Van Orman Hotel Chain in Indiana, Illinois and Ohio. Hotels are important historically because they represent a way of life in the west when they came first and then the town grew up around them. Hotels flourished in the 1850-60 period. They were a fad that flourished to provide the necessities but few comforts for travelers. They were dirty, bug-infested, crowded, smelly, and filled with rough characters. They were open 24 hours a day, very competitive. This was the period when tipping began. It was the only way to get anything done.

Restaurants became an important part of the hotels. The food served was fried and starchy, beans, biscuits, and bacon followed by apple pie made from dried apples. They served only between certain hours. This prevailed until changed with the coming of Fred Harvey on the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe with sweet young girls serving as waitresses. Hotels are our most American tradition. They brought excitement to a dull, drab life. They were the social center in the Western towns representing the culture, tradition and togetherness. Smoking rooms, paging bell systems and elevators began in western hotels.

Very few of the early hotels are still standing. Those that are are symbols of a way of life, monuments to a significant period of our history. One of the most important things we can do is to help preserve our old symbolic buildings.

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 for cookies, coffee and conversation.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1985  
ATTENDANCE

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>PHONE</u>
Donna Djenka		
Mary Ruch		
Florence Cleveland	8501-B Manor Ave, Munster	
Fern Arnold	8806 Woodward Ave, Highland	
Carl & Betty Carpenter	7144 Baring Ave, Hammond	
Lucille Friday	1805 Davis Ave, Whiting	
Jean & Alfred Hayes	1740 Oliver St, Whiting	
Helen & Ted Shatkowski	7244 Knickerbocker Pkwy, Hammond	
C. H. Beilby	6843 Northcote Ave, Hammond	
Roy Duke	927 Michigan St, Hammond	
Rudy Folta	7732 Hohman Ave, Munster	
Jule Ebert	6627 Jackson Ave, Hammond	
J. Ralston Miller	37 Waltham St, Hammond	
Rosemary & Roland Clarke	7519 Jackson Ave, Hammond	
Genevieve Kendzurski	#1 Waltham St, Calumet City, Ill.	
Mary & James W. LeVan	7406 Jackson Ave, Hammond	
Milton L. Meriam	541 - 173rd St. Hammond	
Toni & Paul Caldwell	7218 Madison Ave, Hammond	
Roger Reeder	260 - 165th St, Hammond	
Marjorie Sohl	5615 Sohl Ave, Hammond	



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# THE TIMES

**Friday**  
**March 15, 1985**

## **N. Lake briefly**

### **Places to go**

□ **HAMMOND** — Angeline Sarivalas will discuss the Sarivalas family history at a meeting of the Hammond Historical Society at 2:30 p.m. Sunday at the Hammond Public Library, 564 State St.

Sarivalas spent five years researching and writing her family history, which was printed and bound by the Hammond Area Career Center. The book records the Greek culture of an immigrant family and its life in the United States.

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 1985

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The Hammond Historical Society met on Sunday, March 17, 1985 at 2:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the Hammond Public Library. Roger Reeder presided. 44 members and friends signed the attendance sheet.

Ted Shatkowski announced the annual dinner meeting will be Monday, May 13 at the First United Methodist Church for \$6.00. A reservation form will be included in the next bulletin.

Bert Hindmarch announced the speaker at the next meeting will be Maurice O'Hern on the history of the American Steel Foundries in Hammond. The speaker at the May annual meeting will be John Wilhelm.

Marjorie Sohl encouraged Historical Society members to support the Hammond Achievement Award dinner honoring Jules Power on April 16 at Wicker Park. She introduced the speaker of the day, Angeline Sarivalas, who in December published her family history, Chronicle of a Family.

Mrs. Sarivalas opened her comments with her father's Greek greeting meaning "Welcome to my house." She presented the background of how she went about writing her book. Built on her interest in history, based on her many collected scrapbooks, and encouraged by a goal-setting seminar she attended, she spent five years collecting, organizing and writing her material. She spent all last summer typing it to get camera-ready copy. Commercial printers were too expensive so she took it to the Hammond Career Center for printing and binding. When she picked up 100 copies on December 21 she discovered one page was missing. Her family helped her to tip in the missing page so the book could be distributed the next day at a family party.

Mrs. Sarivalas' Chronicle of a Family begins with her parents living in Turkey, Asia Minor, where many Greeks had been transported to help set up a government. She drew on her sister's memory to describe life there. Her sister lived there until she was 10 years old. She describes the life in the city, the silk worm industry, the tobacco industry, and the poppy industry. Her parents were betrothed by their families agreement. In 1908 young men were conscripted into the Turkey army when a military government took over. Her father deserted the Turkish Army to go join the Greek Army. In 1920 the families left behind had to leave Turkey. Her mother, sister and grandmother went to Constantinople with only what they could carry. Her father, in the meantime, had gone to America and saved money to send for them. The quota laws were changed in 1921, but they got in because he was already here. However, they had to spend 27 days on Ellis Island. They came to this area and her father bought a house on Plummer St. where she and her brother were born. She described life in these days of the 20's and 30's with heads shaking in agreement in the audience as they too remembered life then. Her sister had a struggle to be allowed to go to school longer than 8th grade. Her parents felt girls did not need formal schooling. Also her generation was the first to have any voice in whom they would marry.



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Mrs. Sarivalas paid tribute to Eleanor Sulcer, former librarian at Edison School who encouraged her to complete her book and to Marjorie Sohl who encouraged her to get it printed and add an index. It was a labor of love, of years of collecting information and writing of letters but it is a record of a culture preserved for her descendants.

Two autographed copies of her book were presented to the Hammond Historical Society and the Hammond Public Library.

The meeting adjourned after a question period and the group enjoyed conversation and Greek cakes made by Mrs. Sarivalas.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marjorie Sohl".

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 1985  
ATTENDANCE

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<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>PHONE</u>
Ten Myjewski	5618 Calumet Avenue, Hammond	937-1575
Daryl Dunsing	7509 Monroe Ave, Hammond	931-3110
Hazel Lindstrom	410 Conkey St, Hammond	932-8459
Mary Ann Carter	6928 Bertram Ave, Hammond	844-2251
Jean & Alfred Hayes	1740 Oliver St, Whiting	659-0454
Lucille Friday	1805 Davis Ave. Whiting	659-7575
Donna Djenka		
Isabel Webb	7016 Northcote Ave, Hammond	844-4113
Dorothy M. Johnson	Valparaiso, IN	
Fern Arnold	8806 Woodward Ave, Highland	923-2045
Florence Cleveland	8501-B Manor Ave, Munster	858-7164
Ruth Arnold	8806 Woodward Ave, Highland	923-2045
C. H. Bulby	4843 Northcote Ave, Hammond	844-5439
Helen Broadhurst	6760 Indi-IlliPark, Hammond	933-0715
Alice M. Bollin	7317 Magoun Avenue, Hammond	845-2697
Mr. & Mrs. Ted Shatkowski	7244 Knickerbocker Pkwy, Ham	d844-2913
Bert Hindmarch	7018 Knickerbocker Pkwy, Ham	d844-3205
James W. LeVan	7406 Jackson Ave. Hammond	932-4771
Jule Ebert	6637 Jackson Ave, Hammond	932-3029
Roy Duke	927 Michigan St. Hammond	932-8768
J. Ralston Miller	37 Waltham St. Hammond	932-0554
Rosemary & Roland Clarke	7519 Jackson Ave. Hammond	931-5964
Genevieve Kendzierski	1 Waltham St, Calumet City, IL	
Theodore Alexandria	8114 Hohman Ave, Munster	836-5943
Diamond Nickius	1542 Kenilworth Dr. C.C., IL	862-3151
Olympia Bereolos Anton	219 Kenwood St. Hammond	932-4919
Corine J. Porter	8659 Manor Ave, Munster	836-9166
Harriet Korellis	933-175th Pl. Hammond	931-4169
Helen Vallas	8613 Jeffwerson Ave. Munster	836-1456
Jeanne Efantis	14647 Greenwood, Dolton, IL (312)	841-8117
Katherine Karras	7332 Oakdale Ave, Hammond	932-8989
Roger Reeder	7014 Forest Ave, Hammond	932-0400
Paul Caldwell	7218 Madison Ave. Hammond	932-1211
Toni Caldwell	7218 Madison Ave. Hammond	932-1211
Albert Paschen	723 Spruce St. Hammond	932-4841
Leo Sarivalas	224 Conkey St. Hammond	933-0497
Georgia Sarivalas	6007 Hohman Ave. Hammond	931-5124
Mark White	236 Waltham St. Hammond	937-2665
Melvin Spangler	506 Avalon Drive, Dyer	865-1062
Emma Spangler	506 Avalon Drive, Dyer	865-1062
Marjorie Sohl	5615 Sohl Ave, Hammond	933-7424



HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY BOARD MEETING  
SATURDAY, MARCH 30, 1985

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The Board of Directors of the Hammond Historical Society met at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 30 in the Calumet Room of the Hammond Public Library. Seventeen board members attended.

The treasurer reported a balance of \$2985.57. Bert Hindmarch reported Maurice O'Hern will speak at the April 21 meeting on the history of the American Steel Foundries.

Mr. Shatkowski reported arrangements are completed with the First United Methodist Church for the annual meeting on Monday, May 13 at 6:30 p.m. for \$6.00 per person. John Wilhelm III will be the speaker and the church minister will review the church history. A nominating committee to prepare a slate of officers by that meeting was formed by volunteers or appointments: Bert Hindmarch, Roland Clarke, Jerry Kutak and Kathryn Thegze.

It was suggested a telephone chain be started again to try to encourage attendance. Also discussed was the fact that some are still getting the Bulletin who have not paid dues. It was decided to mark the next bulletin for the amount of dues that are due. Mrs. Jonas will do this on the mailing label.

Roger reported that the manuscript for the next publication is on the word processor. He read the list of photographs he has selected and noted those that he still needs. Several people volunteered the use of pictures they have.

Plans for the Achievement Award Dinner on Tuesday, April 16 were reviewed and attendance encouraged.

A letter was read from Charles Corning who was soliciting information on a Corning Steel Company in early Hammond. No one had heard of it. Also noted was a letter seeking a newspaper article on an auto accident in 1892 killing a J. Gebauer. None had been found in the library files.

Jules Ebert presented an update on what he had done to prepare an exhibit of the pictures of the past presidents of the Hammond Historical Society. For the 24 past presidents, he has attached together 28 frames, 5"x7". A motion by Tom Rutkowski, second by Alfred Hays, allowed an expenditure of up to \$150.00 and requested Jules to continue to pursue an appropriate place to display it.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m..

Respectfully submitted,

*Marjorie Sohl*

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY BOARD MEETING  
SATURDAY, MARCH 30, 1985  
ATTENDANCE

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<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>PHONE</u>
Alfred H. Hayes	1740 Oliver St, Whiting	659-0454
Kathryn Thegze	7435 Olcott Ave, Hammond	844-2022
Isabel Webb	7019 Northcote Ave, Hammond	844-4113
Theo J. Phatkowski	7244 Knickerbocker Pkwy, Hammond	844-2913
Harold R. Story	2020 Sherwood Lake Drive, Schererville,	865-8494
Melvin Spangler	506 Avalon Drive, Dyer	865-1062
Edward L. Hanish	6422 Van Buren Ave, Hammond	932-2293
Daryl Dunsing	7504 Monroe Ave, Hammond	931-3110
Jule Ebert	6637 Jackson Ave, Hammond	932-3029
Jerome F. Kutak	1718 Dylane Dr. Apt. 2I, Griffith	836-2120
Bert Hindmarch	7018 Knickerbocker Pkwy, Hammond	844-3205
Evainez Jonas	256 Detroit St, Hammond	932-5056
Thomas Rutkowski	1259 Memorial Dr, Calumet City	862-2386
Roy Duke	927 Michigan St, Hammond	932-8768
Roger Reeder	7014 Forest Ave, Hammond	932-0400
J. R. Miller	37 Waltham St, Hammond	932-0554
Marjorie Sohl	5615 Sohl Ave, Hammond	933-7424



# Northwest Indiana

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Saturday April 20, 1985

## Company's history lecture

**HAMMOND** — The history of the Simplex Railway Appliance Co., one of Hammond's earliest industries, and now as a division of Amsted Industries Inc., one of the city's few remaining industries, will be presented by the Hammond Historical Society Sunday at 2:30 p.m. in the community room of the Hammond Library, 564 State St.

The firm, founded in 1897, once employed about 800 workers manufacturing railway parts. Later purchased by American Steel Foundries, it also produced a manager named R.W. Lamont, who became U.S. Secretary of Commerce under Herbert Hoover.

The lecture will be given by M.D. O'Hern, an employee and engineer at the plant for 37 years.

Wednesday  
April 17, 1985

THE **TIMES**

## N. Lake briefly

□ **HAMMOND** — Maurice D. O'Hern will discuss the history of American Steel Foundries of Hammond at 2:30 p.m. Sunday in the community room of the Hammond Public Library, 564 State St.

O'Hern worked for many years at the Hammond plant of American Steel Foundries. He will discuss the original Simplex Co. started in 1897 and its acquisition by American Steel Foundries in 1905. Refreshments will be served and visitors are welcome.

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**ANNUAL HAMMOND  
ACHIEVEMENT  
AWARD DINNER**



**Honoree:**  
**JULES POWER**

April 16, 1985



**PROGRAM**

Invocation ..... Rev. Allan Byrne  
Master of Ceremonies.....Palmer Singleton

**PRESENTATION OF AWARDS**

Keys to City of Hammond..... Mayor Tom McDermott  
Hammond Historical Society President.....Roger Reeder  
Hammond Rotary President.....G. Edward McHie  
Honored Guest.....Jules Power

**JULES POWER**

Jules Power, then Jules Pewowar, grew up in Hammond; a kid who had to use his mind and mouth instead of a ball to achieve recognition. He did just that, winning the 1938 and 1939 Indiana High School debating championship and adding the State Extemporaneous Speech championship in 1939.

These opportunities and those provided by other Hammond educational programs provided him a full four year speech scholarship to Northwestern University where he kept on achieving. At Northwestern he was editor of the campus newspaper, chaired the student governing board and graduated Phi Beta Kappa.

He began his broadcasting career at a Chicago FM station and went from there to NBC-TV at the Chicago Merchandise Mart where he helped create television's first educational program, "Watch Mr. Wizard."

Still achieving, Jules Power joined ABC in New York to head its department for children's programming. There he produced ABC's "Discovery" series, the special "How Life Begins", "The Unseen World" and other prime time specials. He was also the first producer of "Good Morning America."

Jules Power is now owner of Power/Rector Productions in San Francisco, which has a successful history of television productions including "The Scheme of Things", a 65-part science oriented series for the Disney Channel.

## **HAMMOND ACHIEVEMENT AWARD HISTORY**

The Hammond Achievement Award was originated as a way for the City of Hammond to honor and give recognition each year to a living man or woman who was born, raised or educated in Hammond or spent a significant number of years in Hammond; who has achieved national or international fame in the field of the arts, science or business and industry. A plaque bearing the seal of Hammond and of the United States and listing the major achievements of the recipient will be on permanent display in the Community Room of the Hammond Public Library.

The first award was presented in 1980 to Irv Cross, former professional football star and current CBS sportscaster and business executive.

The 1981 award was presented to Jean Shepherd, nationally known author and humorist, radio and TV producer and director, and public speaker.

The third award was presented to Dean H. Mitchell, former chief executive officer of Northern Indiana Public Service Company. The recipient in 1983 was Judge Luther M. Swygert, distinguished lawyer, U.S. District Judge and U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals Judge.

Last year the award was presented to Dr. Henry Cleveland, noted physician and surgeon and leader in education and trauma research.

This year, 1985, we honor Jules Power, noted television producer, nationally acclaimed for creating and producing educational programming.

Sponsored by:

Hammond Rotary and Hammond Historical Society



HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 1985

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The Hammond Historical Society met on Sunday, April 21, 1985 at 2:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the Hammond Public Library. Roger Reeder presided. Thirty-four signed the attendance sheet.

Marjorie Sohl reported on a very successful Hammond Achievement Award dinner last Tuesday evening. A tape of the event will be in the Calumet Room for anyone to stop in and listen to it.

Ted Shatkowski reviewed the details for the annual dinner meeting on Monday, May 13 at 6:30 p.m. for \$6.00 at the First United Methodist Church. Program will be a history of the Hoosier State Bank by John Wilhelm III and a history of the church by the minister. Reservations are due in by Tuesday, May 7.

Evainez Jonas reported \$3704.15 in the treasury. She explained the red number on the label of the next bulletin will indicate the amount of dues owed by each person receiving the bulletin.

Bert Hindmarch introduced the speaker for the day, Mr. Maurice O'Hern, to speak on the history of American Steel Foundries and the Simplex plant in Hammond. Mr. O'Hern is a former employee for 40 years of American Steel Foundries, now retired. He is working on putting together a book on the history of ASF. He spoke of the importance of the ASF in the work force and as a contributor to the economic well-being of the city of Hammond for over 90 years. It occupied 25 acres of land edged by Hohman, Hoffman, Sohl and the Calumet River and at times employed up to 800 workers. He described it as a good citizen of Hammond with many long standing employees who enjoyed a close family relationship. Located on the north bank of the Calumet River on the very sight of the home of the first settlers here after the Indians left, the Simplex Railway Appliance Company was established and flourished as a small but very efficient business of manufactured parts for freight cars: wheels, bolsters, springs, shock absorbers, brakes, etc. out of steel. The business grew rapidly, was destroyed by fire, and grew again under the guidance of some fantastic salesmen and engineers, Kelley, Lamont, Bauer and Ackerman. In 1902 they built the spring shop on Hohman Avenue and by 1909 they were shipping 10,000 tons of products a month, without any heavy duty handling equipment that is used today. In 1905 these men were asked to take over the running of the American Steel Foundries which had been losing money. In order William Kelley, 1905-1912, Robert Lamont, 1912-1929, and George Scott, 1929-1939 each became presidents of the ASF.

Mr. O'Hern traced thru the administrations of each of the plant managers and commented on characteristics of each administration which reflected something about the man and also about the time in history: Kelley, Lamont, Scott, Bauer, Austin, Ed Walcher, Krejci, Champman, Kraegel, McCullough, Kratochvil, Engel, Buzinski and Hanson, the current manager. The company, now under the ownership of Amsted is down to only 100 employees and manufactures only springs and sliders.

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 for refreshments and conversation.

Respectfully submitted,

*Marjorie Sohl*  
Marjorie Sohl, Secretary



HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 1985  
ATTENDANCE

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<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>PHONE</u>
Donna Djenka	1254 Memorial Drove, CC, IL.	
Thomas Rutkowski	410 Conkey St, Hammond	932-8459
Hazel Lindstrom	5622 Calumet Ave, Hammond	937-1575
Ted Myjewski	6317 Columbia Ave, Hammond	937-1126
Mary Kaminski	1100 E. 61st St. Merrillville	980-3508
Charles Bublitz	1100 E. 61st St. Merrillville	980-3508
Cheri Bublitz	723 Spruce Street, Hammond	932-4847
Al Paschen	18400 Exchange Ave, Lansing	474-9094
Tom Harle	6931 Wicker Ave, Hammond	844-3156
Roy A. Miller	1740 Oliver St, Whiting	659-0454
Jean & Alfred Hayes	1805 Davis Ave, Whiting	659-7575
Lucille Friday	18257 Ray St, Lansing	312-474-3435
Wanda Seevers	285 Beulah Vista Dr, Hebron	988-2392
Robert W. Bozinski	1623 Constance, Sauk Village, IL	312-757-7909
Ed Hanson	6744 Hohman Ave, Hammond	931-6260
Walter C. Rymarowicz	6637 Jackson Ave, Hammond	932-3029
Jule Ebert	3111 Franklin, Highland	923-1458
Ray Hartfield	8541 Hohman Ave, Munster	836-5085
Emily Adank	8541 Hohman Ave, Munster	836-5085
M. William Adank	7019 Northcote Ave, Hammond	844-4113
Isabel Webb	1 Waltham St, Calumet City, IL	
Genevieve Kendziercki	7519 Jackson Ave, Hammond, IN	
Rosemary Clarke	7519 Jackson Ave, Hammond, IN	
Roland Clarke	7244 Knickerbocker Pkwy, Hammond	844-2913
Helen Shatkowski	7244 Knickerbocker Pkwy, Hammond	844-2913
Theodore Shatkowski	927 Michigan St. Hammond	932-8768
Roy Duke	7509 Monroe St, Hammond	931-5110
Mr. & Mrs. Daryl Dunsing	7018 Knickerbocker Pkwy, Hammond	844-3205
Bert Hindmarch	7435 Olcott Ave, Hammond	844-2022
Kathryn Thegze	256 Detroit St, Hammond	923-5056
Evainez Jonas	5615 Sohl Ave, Hammond	933-7424
Marjorie Sohl		



HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
MONDAY, MAY 13, 1985  
ANNUAL MEETING

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The annual dinner meeting of the Hammond Historical Society was held at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, May 13, 1985 at the First United Methodist Church, 6635 Hohman Avenue. Seventy-seven attended. Dinner was served by the women of the church.

The business meeting followed dinner. Reading of the minutes was dispensed with since they had been printed in the newsletter. The annual financial report was included on the printed program and was commented upon by Evainez Jonas. Roger Reeder summarized the year's programs, read a warm, appreciative letter from Jules Power for his receipt of the Hammond Achievement Award, thanked the officers who have supported him, and commented that as still living members, it is our task to document the on-going history of our community for our lifetime remembering our motto "When we were young, we did not ask questions. When we were old, we had no one to ask."

Roland Clarke gave the report of the nominating committee:

President - Theodore Shatkowski  
1st Vice President - Bert Hindmarch  
2nd Vice President - Roy Duke  
3rd Vice President - Roger Reeder  
4th Vice President - Jules Ebert  
5th Vice President - William McNabney  
Secretary - Marjorie Sohl  
Treasurer - Evainez Jonas

Directors -

'83-'87 Calvin Bellamy (Replacing Anna Stevesand)  
'84-'88 Donna Djenka (Replacing Georgianna Brown)  
'85-'89 Roland Clarke  
Edward Hanish  
Alfred Hayes  
Eileen Luney  
Marie Wilhelm

There being no nominations from the floor, Mr. Clarke moved the Secretary cast a unanimous ballot for the slate as nominated. Seconded and carried.

Evainez Jonas conducted a candle lighting memorial service for the eight members who passed on during the year:

Fannie Abbott  
Dorothy Bemisderfer  
Georgianna Brown  
Helen S. Hoyles

Elsie Marx  
Anna Stevesand  
John Wilhelm  
Jean Wilson

Rev. Willis Gierhart, Senior Pastor at the host First United Methodist Church, gave a summary of the church's history. He introduced Mrs. Peaker who was in attendance who has been a member of the church for 75 years, adding that they have over 50 members who have been members for over 50 years. It is the oldest church in the area with the first Sunday School started in the little red schoolhouse in 1872. On March 25, 1882, the church was organized with 26 members.



A chapel was built at Hohman and Russell on property purchased from Marcus Towle. It was dedicated in 1883 with 300 active members. In the early 1900's the frame building was moved and a new building built that was dedicated June 30, 1907 with 1700 members. In 1935 the German Methodist Church disbanded and united with the First Methodist Church. The church grew rapidly during the 1930's and 40's and faced the decision to renovate or move. In 1946 they voted to renovate but later reversed that decision and in 1950 purchased the land where the church now stands. The south part was dedicated in 1953 with 2000 members and the north sanctuary was opened in January, 1968. Its membership peaked at over 2000 but it had never removed members from its rosters. In the early '70's it had a housecleaning of its records and brought an accurate count down to about 1200. The church has always had a strong music program. In 1947 it published a very good history of the church from 1882 to 1947 that was also a community history. In 1982 the church celebrated it's Centennial as the oldest protestant church in the city, just four months older than St. Paul's Lutheran Church. It has had a long list of outstanding ministers who have also been community leaders.

Roger Reeder introduced the speaker of the evening, John F. Wilhelm III, son of one of our organization's founders, to speak on the Hoosier State Bank, also founded by his father in 1944. John was born on October 6, 1906 in a house on Condit Street, the youngest of three sons, Herbert, Robert and John. Because of their closeness in age, he had a special relationship with his brother Bob. Because he was stricken with infantile paralysis when only four years old, he learned early how to dream as a substitute for doing what the other kids could do physically. Carl Sandburg's line guided him, "Nothing happens unless first a dream." He learned much from his father who, as a high school student, made John borrow money to learn business techniques. He graduated from Hammond High in 1924. He went to Wabash College but two years later he returned to work when his father died. He managed the family properties. In 1933 the depression took its toll. In September, 1933, he took a job at \$1800 a year and married a year later. He went to night school to study taxes and accounting and law. In February, 1939, he opened the Income Tax business which was a stepping stone to his later founding the Hoosier State Bank. It operated from the second floor of the Hammond Building until Pennys bought the building. They moved to 479 State Street on December 1, 1941, just before the war, occupying the old quarters of the American Trust and Savings Bank. During the war, until 1944, he operated the John F. Wilhelm Agency for tax help, the Calumet Agency, Inc. for insurance and real estate serving thousands of people and employing over 70 people. He also established the State Street Currency Exchange where they cashed checks, wrote money orders and sold travelers checks. All of these experiences were background for his establishing the Hoosier State Bank.

An incorporators meeting was held on June 25, 1943 "to discuss the advisability of organizing a new bank in the City of Hammond." The paperwork took until April 19, 1944 when the bank received its approval to do business and was granted its charter. They had to sell 5000 shares of new stock at \$27.50 per share. They had to raise \$100,000 as common stock, \$25,000 for paid in surplus and \$12,500 for retained earnings. They applied for and got Federal Deposit Insurance



up to \$5000 per account. They tried to reach the small depositor so they offered Thrifti-check, longer hours open, personal installment lending, weekly savings plans and free night depository service. The bank opened October 7, 1944 with seven Charter directors: Harry A. Dalby, Lawrence S. Ervin, Harold D. Johnson, Warren A. Reeder, Jr., Harold C. Wagner, Robert E. Wilhelm and John F. Wilhelm.

The bank grew and continued to offer innovative services. In 1952 it opened the first auto bank and the only one downtown for many years. They offered Friday night hours instead of Saturday morning. During the heavy building period (1954-63), they started to open branches. Woodmar Branch in 1955 was the first branch bank opened by any Hammond Bank. This was followed in rapid succession by North side in 1958, Schererville in 1961, Hohman downtown in 1963. As it grew and expanded, the name was changed in 1961 to Hoosier State Bank of Indiana to reflect its influence county and state wide.

On November 1, 1970, John Wilhelm, planning his retirement was elected Chairman of the Board, Robert Wilhelm, Vice Chairman, and Clement A. Gargula became President. Many stories were related reflecting the friendly personality of the man who ran "Wilhelm's Bank," the "people man."

In September of 1979 John Wilhelm III was invited to join the Board of Directors to replace Robert Teegarden who left the area. On October 27, 1981, he was elected president when Mr. Gargula retired. During 1981 the bank recorded its first loss in its 37 year history, primarily the result of the sky rocketing interest rates. They tried to sell additional capital stock but fell short in that effort. In the fall of 1983 they applied to the Department of Financial Institutions and the Gainer Corporation was the high bidder. On June 8, 1984 Gainer Corporation purchased 94% of the stock of the Hoosier State Bank.

Today John Wilhelm III carries on the service-to-small-people traditions and the dream of its founder, proud of his heritage.

The meeting adjourned at 9 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Marjorie Sohl*

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

# FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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May 1, 1984 to April 30, 1984

BALANCE ON HAND APRIL 30, 1984

\$2,366.47

## RECEIPTS:

Dues.....	\$590.00
Book Sales .....	383.36
Donations.....	620.00
Bank Interests.....	168.37
Dinners .....	280.00
Miscellaneous .....	10.35

\$2,052.08

## DISBURSEMENTS:

Postage .....	238.50
Newsletters .....	157.36
Supplies .....	92.19
BiCentennial Books.....	100.00
Refreshments .....	31.50
Dinners & Decorations .....	301.00
State Fees . . . ..	30.00
Cultural Festival (2 yrs.)..	20.00
Typing . .....	325.00
Speakers .....	50.00

\$1,345.55

✓ Balance Checking Account

3,073.00

Balance Savings

631.15

Total Balance on Hand April 30, 1985

\$3,704.15



# HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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## Maid-Rite Hamburger Shop

9876—PHONE ORDERS—9876

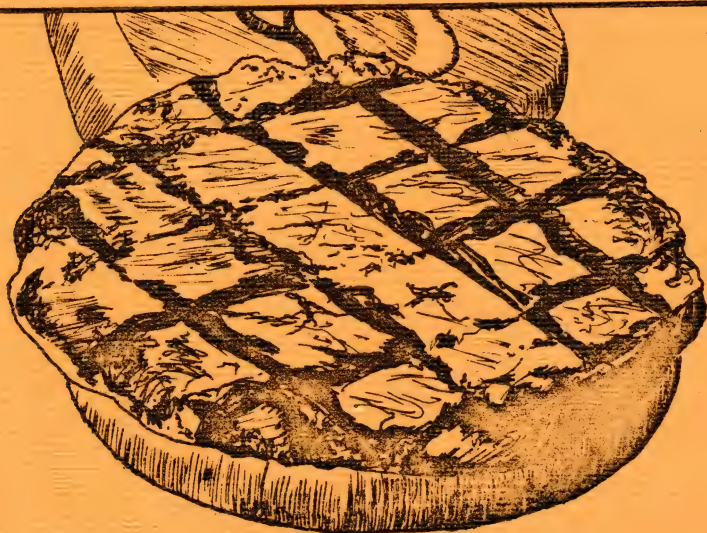
Hamburgers \$1.00 Per Dozen

Chile

French Fries

Pie

5815 CALUMET AVENUE



TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL DINNER MEETING

MAY 13, 1985



HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
25th ANNUAL DINNER MEETING  
May 13th, 1985 6:30 p.m.

First United Methodist Church  
6635 Hohman Avenue, Hammond

WELCOME..... Mr. Roger Reeder

INVOCATION..... Rev. Willis Gierhart

\* DINNER \*

BUSINESS MEETING AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Minutes of Previous Annual Meeting  
Marjorie Sohl, Secretary  
Annual Financial Report  
Evainez Jonas, Treasurer  
President's Annual Report  
Roger Reeder  
Nominating Committee Report  
Roland Clarke

MEMORIAL SERVICE.....Mrs. Evainez Jonas

In Memory of:

Fannie Abbott	Elsie Marx
Dorothy Bemisderfer	Anna Stevesand
Georgianna Brown	John Wilhelm
Helen S. Hoyles	Jean Wilson

"HISTORY OF THE FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
.....Rev. Willis Gierhart

HOOSIER STATE BANK..... John Wilhelm III

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

OFFICERS 1984 - 1985

President.....Roger Reeder  
1st Vice President..... Bert Hindmarch  
2nd Vice President..... Roy Duke  
3rd Vice President..... Marie Mott  
4th Vice President.....Jules Ebert  
5th Vice President..... Theodore J. Shatkowski  
Secretary..... Marjorie Sohl  
Treasurer..... Evainez Jonas

Maid Rites Aim for 14th  
Win Today; Play Griffith



MAID RITES TRAVEL  
11 INNINGS FOR WIN

MAID RITES CAPTURE  
24TH WIN OF YEAR

MAID RITES BATTLE  
INDIANS FOR FIRST

DIRECTORS

Term thru May, 1985

Mr. Roland Clarke  
Mr. Edward Hanish  
Mr. Alfred Hayes  
Mrs. Tom Luney  
Mrs. Marie Wilhelm

Term thru May, 1986

Mr. Kevin Augustyn  
Miss Margaret Gunderson  
Mr. J. Ralston Miller  
Mr. Melvin Spangler  
Mrs. Kathryn Thegze

Term thru May, 1987

Mr. Jerome Kutak  
Mr. Saul Lerner  
Mr. Charles McGregor  
Mrs. Anna Stevesand  
Mr. Harold Story

Term thru May, 1988

Ms. Alice Bollin  
Mrs. Georgianna Brown  
Mr. Daryl Dunsing  
Mr. Tom Rutkowski  
Mrs. Isabel Webb



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**Total Disbursements** **\$1,345.55**

Balance Checking Account **\$3,073.00**

Balance Savings **\$ 631.15**

BALANCE ON HAND April 30, 1985 **\$3,704.15**

## PAST PRESIDENTS 1959 to 1983

Mr. John Wilhelm\*  
 Mr. Warren A. Reeder, Jr.\*  
 Mr. Edward B. Hayward\*  
 Mrs. Vincent Bower  
 Mr. George Nelson  
 Mr. Anton Tapper\*  
 Mrs. Mary Peters\*  
 Mrs. Harry Wilson\*  
 Mr. Walter Bell\*  
 Mrs. Henry Cleveland  
 Miss Marjorie Sohl  
 Mr. Gordon Whitney

Mr. Verlyn Mack  
 Mrs. Nina Cravens  
 Mrs. Leona Schreiber  
 Mr. Kurt Marx\*  
 Miss Fern Arnold  
 Mrs. Willard Jonas  
 Mrs. Grace Mack  
 Mr. Charles McGregor  
 Mr. Jules Ebert  
 Mr. Bert Hindmarch  
 Mr. Jerome Kutak

\*Deceased\*

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
ANNUAL MEETING ATTENDANCE  
MONDAY, MAY 13, 1985

Mr. & Mrs. Roland Clarke  
Isabel Webb  
Mr. & Mrs. Averill C. Colby  
Mr. & Mrs. Theo. Shatkowski  
Mr. & Mrs. Ted Shatkowski  
Mr. & Mrs. George Germek  
Tim & Tom Bichkowski  
Hazel Lindstrom  
Mr. & Mrs. Daryl Dunsing  
Mr. & Mrs. Willard Jonas  
Lucille Friday  
Tom Rutkowski  
Mr. & Mrs. Alfred Hays  
Donna Djenka  
Mr. & Mrs. Tom Luney  
Fern, Ruth, & Foster Arnold  
Mary Ruch  
Florence Cleveland  
Alice Bollin  
Saul Lerner  
Kathryn Thegze  
Mrs. Genevieve Kendzierski  
Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Seidler  
Alice Fuzy  
Marjorie Sohl  
Henrietta Gillespie  
Andy Spisak  
Rich Spisak  
Mr. & Mrs. Harold Wagner  
Ethel Wilhelm  
Mr. & Mrs. John Wilhelm III  
Mr. & Mrs. George Cook  
Cindy & Susan Michel  
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Fleming  
Brian Fleming  
Mrs. Robert Wilhelm  
Mr. & Mrs. Bill McNabney  
Mr. & Mrs. Melvin Spangler  
Bert Hindmarch  
Jules Ebert  
Mr. & Mrs. Roger Reeder  
Rev. & Mrs. Willis Gierhart  
Betty Gehrke  
Mr. & Mrs. Paul Caldwell  
Ross W. Hector  
Leona Wellsand & Guest  
Mr. & Mrs. James Adams  
Jennie and Betty Peaker  
Ed. Cieslewski  
Mr. & Mrs. Al Bessler



The Hammond Historical Society held its first meeting of the 1985-1986 year on Sunday afternoon, September 15, 1985, at 2<sup>30</sup> p.m. in the Community Room of the Hammond Public Library. Thirty members and guests were present. The new president, Theodore Shatkowski, presided.

Jules Ebert, Vice-President in charge of projects, reported that he and Ed Hanish ~~and~~ are working on building a wall cabinet, similar to those holding the Achievement Award pictures and plaques, to hold the framed 5 x 7 pictures of all available past presidents of the Society. It is planned to be large enough to be able to be used for other pictures, documents, etc. also. He already has the necessary frames and many of the pictures, but needs the help



of the members in securing the missing pictures.

Bert Hindmarch, Vice-President in charge of programs, announced that next month's speaker will be Clarence J. Huber, Hammond funeral director, life-long Hammond resident, who will talk on his experiences in "the early days". Mr. Huber is a Hammond High School graduate and is an accomplished violinist, having played in the orchestras of several Hammond theaters and having been a member of the Northwest Indiana Symphony for many years, retiring just a year or two ago.

Ralston Miller reported that Ray Dukes is presently in the hospital but expects to be released this week.

Mr. Hindmarch introduced the speaker for this afternoon, Mrs. Dennis (Marilyn) Feck. Mrs. Feck is originally from



Jacksonville, Florida, where she taught for five years. She moved to the Calumet Region in 1978 when her husband became Director of Development for Bishop Hall Institute. Since that time she has worked for The Diocese of Gary as a history teacher at the secondary level.

Mrs. Fich was graduated from Jacksonville University with a Bachelor of Arts in history and from Purdue Calumet Campus with a Master of Science in education. She currently teaches history and English at Holy Name of Jesus School in Cedar Lake, and she is the mother of three children, Kathleen, Christopher, and Suzanne. She spoke on the history of Bishop Hall Institute and its influence on the community over some sixty years.

In the 1920's Hammond



had two small Catholic high schools, extensions of St. Joseph's and All Saints grade schools, and the need for a separate high school was becoming acute. In 1921 plans were made for a high school, called Central Catholic, to be run by the Sisters of the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ. It first held classes in the basement of St. Mary's School in East Chicago, but ~~on~~ Sept. 9 1923 a 6-room tar-paper building had been built by the Diocese on the present property. Father Paul Schmid became the first principal, and Gov. Jackson of Indiana spoke at the September dedication. The first class of 48 was graduated in 1924.

In 1946 the A-wing was built and the school was re-named Bishop Noll in honor of Bishop Noll of the Diocese of Fort Wayne.



In 1962 the school suffered a disastrous fire, and after two years of double class sessions and total chaos for the school, the rebuilding was completed. Again the name was changed, this time to Bishop Noll Institute, and it now included the present St. Margaret Mary Church.

In 1967 the school graduated its largest class, 611 graduates.

Mrs. Fick answered questions from the audience following her talk, and there were several Bishop Noll graduates present.

The president then, asked for the Treasurers report, and it was reported that there is \$3,745.56 in the checking account plus \$631.15 in savings, making a total of \$4,376.71.

The meeting adjourned at 3<sup>45</sup> p. m.

Respectfully,  
Kathryn Thegeze  
Secretary Pro Tem

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Treasurer's Report 9-15-85

Checking Account \$3,745.56

Savings " 631.15

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\$4,376.71



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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 1985  
ATTENDANCE

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>PHONE</u>
Daryl Dunsing	7509 Monroe Ave, Hammond	
Theo J. Shatkowski	7244 Knickerbocker, Hammond	844-2493
Jule Ebert	6637 Jackson Ave, Hammond	932-3029
Donna Djenka		
Marilyn St. Fech	7614 Alexander	845-9650
Rosemary & Roland Clarke	7519 Jackson Ave, Hammond	931-5964
G. Kendzieski	#1 Waltham	
H. Stotzen	#1 Waltham	
Lucille Friday	1805 Davis Ave, Whiting	659-7575
Jean & Alfred Hayes	1740 Oliver, Whiting	659-0454
Hazel Lindstrom	410 Conkey St, Hammond	932-8459
Helen Shatowski	7244 Knickerbocker, Hammond	844-2913
Melvin & Emma Spangler	506 Avalon Dr. Dyer	865-1062
Harold R. Story	2020 Sherwood Lake Dr, Schererville	865-8494
Anne Brtko	1949 Lake Ave, Whiting	659-6360
Bert Hindmarch		
Kathryn Thegze	7435 Olcott Ave, Hammond	844-2022
Grace E. Sarrell	1451 State St, Calumet City, IL	891-1677
Isabel Storey	136 1/2 Sibley St, Hammond	931-5066
Euphemia Baralli	686 State Line, Calumet City, IL	862-4218
Catherine Schaectl	24 Condit St, Hammond	933-0663
Evainez Jonas	256 Detroit St, Hammond	932-5056
Alice Anderkay	6229 Blaine Ave, Hammond	931-7199
Margaret Kalshan	6334 Euclid Ave, Hammond	933-7675
Marie Mund	6334 Euclid Ave, Hammond	931-3286
Roseann Nagy	7010 Knickerbocker, Hammond	845-1116
Al Petroskey	7206 Arkansas Ave, Hammond	844-4458
J. Ralston Miller	37 Waltham St, Hammond	932-0554
Tom Rutkowski		

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING  
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20, 1985

The October meeting of the Hammond Historical Society was held on Sunday, October 20, 1985 at 2:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the Hammond Public Library. Forty-four members and friends signed the attendance sheet.

Minutes of the September meeting were published in the newsletter so were not read. Jules Ebert reported twelve pictures of past presidents are still needed to complete the display.

The Hammond Achievement Award Committee has started to meet to discuss possible candidates. They are still open to suggestions of people who were born, educated, or lived in Hammond for many years and have become nationally prominent in their chosen profession.

Roger Reeder reported that at the recent meeting of the Bicentennial Committee it was decided to reduce the price of the Bicentennial history of Hammond to \$3.00. The receipts from the sale of the books supports the Bicentennial Scholarship Fund.

Mrs. Jonas submitted the treasurer's report of \$3,545.49 in the checking account and \$631.15 in savings for a total of \$4,176.64.

Bert Hindmarch introduced the speaker for the day, Mr. Clarence Huber, undertaker, railroad engineer and accomplished violinist. Mr. Huber told of his grandfather, John, who came to Crown Point from Europe in the 1800's. He had an interlude to the California gold rush but came back to Crown Point and started a grist mill, a lumber mill, a brewery and finally went into farming and the milk business. His oldest son, John, came to Hammond and started the funeral business on State Street. In 1895 a funeral cost a total of \$22.00. John left the business to his brother Henry who also sold furniture. By 1903 a funeral had increased to only \$28.00.

As a boy, Clarence always liked the violin. He studied in Chicago and later played at the Parthenon Theatre in Hammond and at the Palace Theatre in Gary for vaudeville acts and to accompany silent movies for \$57.00 a week playing 7 days a week. His brother was a railroad engineer and helped Clarence get a job on the New York Central Railroad where he worked as a railroad engineer and was grievance chairman for many years. When questioned about his violin, he said he has a valuable Italian made violin from 1699 that is still in mint condition. He plays with a French made bow. Each Wednesday evening he and another violinist play classical music with the Rabbi pianist for their own entertainment. Mr. Huber shared pictures and Hammond Symphony Orchestra programs with the audience.

Coffee and cookies were served during a social hour.

Respectfully submitted,

*Donna Djenka*

Donna Djenka, Acting Secretary



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Checking Account	\$3,545.49
Savings	631.15
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	\$4,176.64

Submitted by

*E. Wainwright Jones*  
Treasurer

10-20-85

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20, 1985  
ATTENDANCE

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>PHONE</u>
Mrs. Mary Kaminski	6317 Columbia Ave, Hammond	937-1126
Jean & Alfred Hayes	1740 Oliver St. Whiting	659-0454
Lucille Friday	1805 Davis Ave, Whiting	659-7595
Margery Hindmarch	7018 Knickerbocker, Hammond	844-3205
Helen Shatkowski	7244 Knickerbocker, Hammond	844-2913
Florence Cleveland	8001B Manor Ave, Munster	836-6039
Ruth Arnold	8806 Woodward Ave, Highland	932-2045
Melvin & Emma Spangler	506 Avalon Drive, Dyer	865-1062
Nellie Tunis	7538 Birch Ave, Hammond	844-0046
Lynn Shephard	7424 Beech Ave, Hammond	844-4595
Clarence & Ruth Beilby	6843 Northcote, Hammond	844-5439
Roy Duke	927 Michigan St, Hammond	932-8768
Milton Meriam	541 - 173rd Street, Hammond	932-7851
Harold R. Story	2020 Sherwood Lake Dr. Schererville	865-8494
Rose Ann Nagy	7010 Knickerbocker, Hammond	845-0116
C. J. Hubner	7302 Knickerbocker, Hammond	
Irene Baker		
Paul Caldwell	7218 Madison Ave, Hammond	932-1211
Toni Caldwell	7218 Madison Ave, Hammond	932-1211
Edward L. Hanich	6422 Van Buren Ave, Hammond	932-2293
Rosemary Colby	37 Kenwood St, Hammond	932-7977
Arnold Colby	37 Kenwood St, Hammond	932-7977
Bill & Rose McNabney	9016 Orchard, Highland	923-6656
Hazel Lindstrom	410 Conkey St, Hammond	932-8459
Daryl & Emma Dunsing	7509 Monroe Ave, Hammond	
Jule Ebert	6637 Jackson Ave, Hammond	932-3029
C. J. Allen		
Roger Reeder	260 - 165th St, Hammond	932-0400
Isabel Webb	7019 Northcote, Hammond	844-4113
Donna Djenka		
Ted Myjewski	5618 Calumet Ave, Hammond	937-1575
Mr. & Mrs. Jerome F. Kutak		836-2120
Rosemary & Roland (Ron) Clarke		931-5964
Genevieve Kendjurski		
Hazel Stotzen		
Bert Hindmarch		
Fern Arnold		



HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 1985

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The Hammond Historical Society met for its regular meeting on Sunday, November 17, 1985 at 2:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the Hammond Public Library. President Theo. Shutkowski presided. Twenty-six signed the attendance sheet. The Secretary's report had been printed in the newsletter. The Treasurer reported a balance of \$4,166.68.

Bert Hindmarch reported that the speaker for the January meeting would talk about Sgt. Winthrop, Hammond's forgotten hero and Distinguished Metal of Honor winner. The February meeting would feature Janet Henning talking about her family.

Roger Reeder received a letter from Purdue University Calumet requesting support for their annual History Day April 12, "Conflicts and Compromise in History," and the accompanying essay contest. A motion by Jules Ebert, second by Mrs. Kutek, carried that we donate \$50 to the effort and that we publish in the Newsletter the results of the contest.

Jules Ebert reported he is working on a cabinet for the picture display of past presidents and is finding the walnut wood very hard to work on. He suggested holding the annual dinner in May in the Community Room in order to install the exhibit by then.

Jo Mohr, the speaker for today was introduced by Bert Hindmarch. She teaches an eight-week adult education class at Purdue Calumet on geneology and how to search your ancestors. She encouraged anyone interested to get on Purdue's mailing list for listing of adult education courses and thus be notified of details for the next class's start.

Mrs. Mohr described geneology, the study of ones direct line descendants, as her second favorite subject, her own children as her first. She wants to know more than just their names, and thus the preservation of a family history becomes a social history of the times based on the formal records. The civil records used are birth, death, marriage and church christening and funeral records. Newspapers and printed obituaries are a good source of information but most are not indexed. Some libraries are working on indices. She encouraged constant review of the information you have collected so far because each new piece of information you find may tie other pieces together. A good filing system is essential. Military records are useful as well as county histories, maps, city directories and family histories. Many of these are available thru your local library. The Mormon Church library maintains the largest library collection of information on microfilm and maintains branches thruout the country that make indeces of its collection available for borrowing via mail. The nearest to us is in Chicago Heights. Countrywide Geneological Societies are listed annually in the magazine, "Geneological Helper." She encouraged the sharing of the records you have with your local or state library and thus making your information available to many others who may be searching for the same information. Questions concerning family crests were answered and she indicated the Newbery Library in Chicago has the best collection of registered crests.

The meeting adjourned about 4 p.m. with refreshments and conversation.

Respectfully submitted,

*Marjorie Lahl, Secretary*

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 1985  
ATTENDANCE

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>PHONE</u>
Mr. & Mrs. J. F. Kutak	1718 Dylane Dr. Apt. 2I, Griffith	836-2120
Roy Duke	927 Michigan St, Hammond	932-8768
Wilma Jo Mohr	1743 Selo Dr, Schererville	322-6530
Betty Gehrke	1732 Davis Ave, Whiting	659-6316
Lucille Friday	1805 Davis Ave, Whiting	659-7575
Jean & Alfred Hayes	1740 Oliver Ave, Whiting	659-0454
Fern Arnold	8806 Woodward Ave, Highland	923-2045
Ruth Arnold	8806 Woodward Ave, Highland	923-2045
B.A. Hindmarch	7018 Knickerbocker, Hammond	844-3205
Wanda SeEVERS	18257 Roy St, Lansing, IL	312-474-3435
Mr. & Mrs. Theo. Shatkowski	7244 Knickerbocker, Hammond	844-2913
Carol Beatton	844 Spruce St, Hammond	931-6040
Rosemary & Ron Clarke, 7	7519 Jackson Ave, Hammond	931-5965
Albert & Esther Paschen	723 Spruce St, Hammond	932-4847
J. K. Ebert	6637 Jackson Ave, Hammond	932-3029
Russell A. Petrie	7124 Forest Ave, Hammond	932-8726
Hazel M. Petrie	7124 Forest Ave, Hammond	932-8726
Deryl Dunsing	7509 Monroe Ave, Hammond	
Emma Dunsing	7509 Monroe Ave, Hammond	
Hazel Lindstrom	410 Conkey St, Hammond	932-8459
Marjorie Sohl	5615 Sohl Ave, Hammond	933-7424

November 1, 1985

Checking Account      \$3,535.53

Savings      "      631.15

Total      \$4,166.68

*Ernest Jones*  
Treasurer



E1307  
**Friday**  
**Jan. 17, 1986**

# THE **TIMES**

## **N. Lake briefly**

### **Places to go**

□ HAMMOND — The Calumet Region's forgotten World War II hero, Sgt. William Windrich, will be the topic of discussion at the Hammond Historical Society meeting Sunday.

The meeting will be at 2:30 p.m. in the community room of the Hammond Public Library, 564 State St. The public is welcome.

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 19, 1986

The January meeting of the Hammond Historical Society was held on Sunday, January 19, 1986 at 2:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the Hammond Public Library. Bert Hindmarch presided in the absence of ill president Ted Shatkowski. Thirty two members and friends signed the attendance sheet.

Jules Ebert reported work on his picture project had slowed down due to his wife's illness. Dr. William McNabney reported places for the May annual meeting are being investigated and will be announced later. Marjorie Sohl Announced the Hammond Achievement Award for 1986 will honor Charles Tinkham, professor of English at Purdue University Calumet, for his widely published poetry and his success as an educator and teacher of creative writing. The award dinner will be Tuesday, April 8 at Tiebels. Tickets are now available at \$18 each.

Evainez Jonas reported \$3,548.78 in the checking account and \$656.42 in savings, total of \$4,205.20. Bert Hindmarch paid tribute to the quietly continuing work of Kathryn Thegze in the Calumet Room, her articles in the monthly bulletin and her here-to-fore unrecognized articles read periodically on WJOB's Historic Minutes at 7:45am and 3:40 pm daily. Bert also announced future programs that are scheduled: February, Tim Early speaking on undersea photography and the sunken hulls off the Whiting shores of Lake Michigan; April, Ave Colby with a family panel; May, a representative of the Indiana Historical Society.

Bert Hindmarch introduced the speaker of the day, Richard Balka, Past Commander of the East Chicago Allied Post 369 of the American Legion who spoke on his discovery of Marine S/Sgt. William G. Windrich of Hammond and East Chicago, winner of the Congressional Medal of Honor, who was never given any recognition locally and their efforts to correct this.

Mr. Balka told a very gripping story of his discovery while reading the book about Congressional Medal of Honor winners, ABOVE AND BEYOND, that there was one listed in there for service and death in the Korean War. He began to inquire around and could find no one who knew him. He confirmed the award in Washington, D.C. records. He wrote to local historian and journalist, Archibald McKinley, who began to do research on it too. They finally located a sister in Dyer and a daughter in California. They pieced together the story of William Windrich, who had lived on Claude Ave, gone to Lafayette, Morton, and Hammond High School, which he left to enlist in World War II. When he was discharged in 1945 he moved in with his mother who had separated from his father and moved from Hammond to East Chicago. He soon reenlisted in the Marines but used his mother's East Chicago address, thus the confusion of his origin in Hammond, or East Chicago.

After Archibald McKinley printed the story of William Windrich in his collume in THE TIMES and ended with the challenge, "What are we going to do about it?", the American Legion Posts took up the challenge and prepared in a limited amount of time to honor him on Veteran's Day, Monday, November 11, 1985, in a program sponsored jointly by the East Chicago Post 369 and Hammond Post 168. The story of his bravery in battle was told, his family (sister, daughter and grandson) honored, and duplicate medals presented. The display of his medals and the story



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of his bravery will be in the East Chicago Public Library for a month and will then move to the Hammond Public Library for display and it is hoped for permanent housing in the Calumet Room.

The meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m. for refreshments.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Marjorie Sohl*

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

1-19-86

Hammond Historical Society

Checking Account	\$3,548.78
Savings Account	656.42
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	\$4,205.20

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
SUNDAY, JANUARY 19, 1986.  
ATTENDANCE

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>PHONE</u>
Donna Djenka	1259 Memorial Drive, C.C. Ill.	
Thomas Rutkowski	1805 Davis Ave, Whiting	659-7575
Lucille Friday	1740 Oliver St. Whiting	659-0454
Jean & Alfred Hayes	927 Michigan St. Hammond	932-8768
Roy Duke	2020 Sherwood Lake Dr. Schererville	865-8494
Harold Story	6843 Northcote Ave, Hammond	844-5439
C.H. & Ruth Beilby	6422 Van Buren Ave. Hammond	932-2293
Velma & Ed Hanish	506 Avalon Dr. Dyer	865-1062
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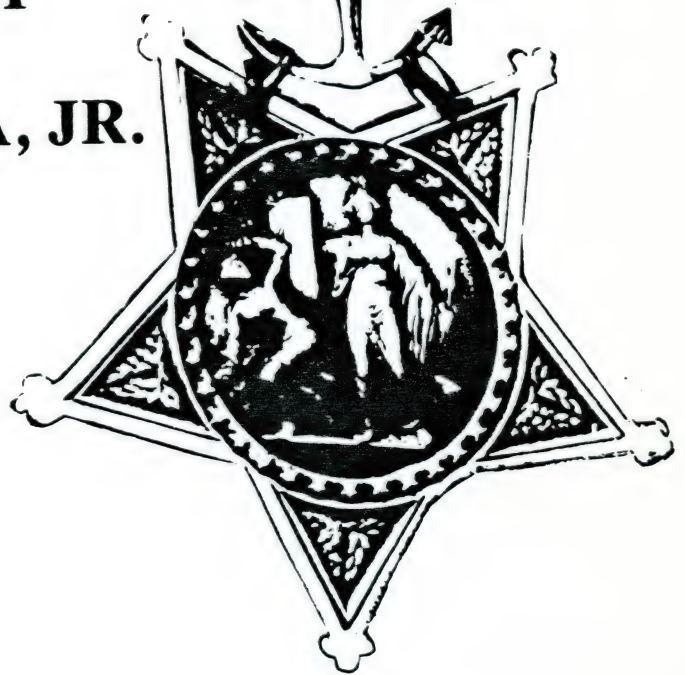
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**MONDAY, NOV. 11, 1985**

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Marine Staff Sgt. William G. Windrich (Hammond-East Chicago)



## The Medal of Honor Citation:

“For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty as a platoon sergeant of Company I, Third Battalion, Fifth Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy aggressor forces in the vicinity of Yudam-ni, Korea, the night of December 1, 1950.

“Promptly organizing a squad of men when the enemy launched a sudden, vicious counterattack against the forward elements of his company's position, rendering it untenable, Staff Sergeant Windrich, armed with a carbine, spearheaded the assault to the top of the noll immediately confronting the overwhelming force and, under shattering hostile automatic weapons, mortar and grenade fire, directed effective fire to hold back the attackers and cover the withdrawal of our troops to commanding ground.

“With seven of his men struck down during the furious action and he, himself, wounded in the head by a bursting grenade, he made his way to his company's position and, organizing a small group of volunteers, returned with them to evacuate the wounded and dying from the frozen hillside, staunchly refusing medical attention himself.

“Immediately redeploying the remainder of his troops, Staff Sergeant Windrich placed them on the left flank of the defensive sector before the enemy again attacked in force. Wounded in the leg during the bitter fight that followed, he bravely fought on with his men, shouting words of encouragement and directing their fire until the attack was repelled.

“Refusing evacuation although unable to stand, he still continued to direct his platoon in setting up defensive positions until, weakened by the bitter cold, excessive loss of blood and severe pain he lapsed into unconsciousness and died. His valiant leadership, fortitude and courageous fighting spirit against tremendous odds served to inspire others to heroic endeavor in holding the objective and reflect the highest credit upon Staff Sergeant Windrich and the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country.”





Sunday  
Aug. 18, 1985

## Roots Hammond hero is unknown

You all know the story of the Unknown Hero. This is the story of the Unknown Hero Hammond's Unknown Hero. You will find no park named for him. No school. No street. Not even an alley. You won't find an American Legion Post named for him, although he and his father, a veteran of World War I, belonged to the Legion in Hammond. No one seems to know him, or know of him. Not the Hammond Historical Society. Not the Hammond Public Library. Not the man on the street. You won't even find his name on the City Hall's roll of those who served in World War II. Or Korea. Yet he served in both of those conflicts, and a rather stupendous event between wars.

The nation conferred on him its highest military tribute, the Congressional Medal of Honor. But his hometown was honored not him.

Not did the Times, his hometown newspaper, run a headline on the presentation of the Medal of Honor. It didn't even carry the story. Of course, he was dead by then.

William Gordon Windrich attended Morton (Heaverville) and Lafayette elementary schools, Edison Junior High School, and both Hammond Tech and Hammond High schools. Had he not quit school, he would have graduated in the Hammond High Class of 1946. In 1946, though, he was called up from the Marine Corps Reserve, which he had joined in 1942. He entered the service in Hammond.

During World War II, young Windrich served for 30 months in the South Pacific as a machine gunner. In November, 1943, during the invasion of Tarawa, Windrich was there. After the war, when the Navy demonstrated the catastrophic effect of a new atomic bomb at Bikini Atoll, Windrich was there. When the first marines landed in Korea, Windrich was there. When the Inchon Landing occurred, Windrich was there. When the Americans captured Seoul, Windrich was there. When, during the Chosin Reservoir campaign, the First Marine Division regrouped for its famous breakout to the sea, Windrich was there.

It was a frozen December night in the mountains between the Yodan-m and Hagaru-m when the Chinese counter-attacked, suddenly, savagely, wiping out everyone in the front of the company. All the officers went down. At that point, Staff Sergeant Windrich took over. He immediately grabbed a carbine, organized a squad, and led an assault on a nearby knoll. There in the face of "shattering hostile automatic weapons, mortar, and grenade fire," he and his men held back the Chinese long enough to cover the marines' withdrawal. Windrich was hit in the head by a burning grenade, and most of his men were wounded or killed. Nevertheless, Windrich worked his way to his company's position, organized a small group of volunteers, and returned with them to evacuate the wounded and dying. All the time he refused medical attention. He then redisplayed what was left of his troops before the enemy attacked again. In the bitter battle that followed, Windrich was wounded again, this time in the leg. Still he fought on, shouting words of encouragement, and directing fire while lying in the snow because he could not stand. Finally, the marines repelled the Chinese. In the process, Windrich was wounded a third time. Even then he refused to be evacuated. Instead, he directed his platoon in setting up defensive positions. Finally, though, the bitter cold, the loss of blood, the severe pain overcame him. He allowed himself to be placed on a stretcher, and as he lay down, he told one of the men carrying him that he just wanted to go to sleep. There he died.

They left Windrich in Korea. The heavy fighting made it impossible to bring his body down 70 miles of mountain. But Major General Oliver P. Smith, commander of the First Marine Division, wrote that if American troops ever recaptured the patch of land where they had buried Windrich, the Marines would recover him. Almost five years later, Windrich was returned to Arlington National Cemetery.

Sunday  
Aug. 23, 1985

## Roots A hero

William Gordon Windrich, Hammond's most highly decorated war hero, was a boy's boy. He loved action. Not only did he play all the boys' sports, he even rode a pony around old Erie Field (which now sits the Civic Center and Hammond Tech) in a style that made Tom Mix look like a dandy dude.

Windrich was also smart. Interested in everything, he especially enjoyed independent inquiries, "whether into books or just 'things.' " Once, without coaching, he built a crystal radio set from scratch. Another time he extended an interest in Frank Buck into the exotic hobby of lauderm.

A deer, if he saw something should be done, he just did it, and didn't look his own horns about it. And whatever he did, he did well. In today's terms, you would call him laid back — until aroused.

He had a nicely developed sense of ethics, which he firmly exercised on ballies, when he despised. When he found a wrong being done, he unleashed upon it a righteous wrath that was awesome in a boy his age. In short, he did everything well — except excel in school. But there was a reason for that.

Windrich was his mother's pride and joy. She doted on him, wanting nothing but the best (or her son, and for him to be the best). To young Bill, though, her attention seemed excessive because she insisted herself in virtually every detail of his life, especially the part having to do with school, which she visited frequently without invitation. So, although he respected her, he also resented her, and his resistance matured into rebellion that bred a temper of heroic proportions.

Marguerite Emily Windrich had had an unhappy childhood. A product of a broken marriage, she had been abandoned from Chicago to Oregon to live with grandparents, and never received the parental attention she felt she due. When she married and began to raise a family on her own, she gave to her first-born all the attention she had never received, and a good deal more. She attended especially to her son's performance and behavior in school, and represented her son there so often that she came to be regarded as something of a crank. For these and similarly motivated expressions of filial solicitude, Bill felt chagrined. Embarrassed, annoyed, even mortified, he dug in his heels. When, for example, his mother could not get Bill to wear long johns to school, she trekked up to the principal and demanded that the principal make him wear them. Bill simply hid his union suit under the bed.

Bill's embarrassment over his mother's suffocating and unwelcome attention to him progressed from vexation and irritation to anger and matured finally into rage. Forever after, his mother's intervention into his life generated such rudeness in his face that observers feared that he was about to have a premature stroke.

Yet, he had no direct way to express his rage. Whenever he was about to explode, his father, whom Bill idolized, would put him off with "Remember, she's your mother." Thus, perhaps unconsciously, he stuck on an idea because he could not respond to his mother's possessiveness directly, he would deal with it indirectly — through the place where his mother wanted him to do best.

Thus, he became a poor student, and virtually a truant. By the end of his freshman year in high school, his grades were so subpar and his attendance in school so infrequent, that he was able to gain agreement from his parents that he could benefit from a furrow. In June 1937, therefore, three weeks after his 16th birthday, he quit school and found a job. His mother was crestfallen.

Still, she would not give up. Whenever he would find a job at a State Street fruitstand or elsewhere, she would show up and save him from it. She would claim that the owner of the fruitstand was keeping her boy from attending school, contributing to his truancy.

While the owners all liked Bill, who was smart and a good worker, they didn't need the aggravation of a hysterical mother threatening to call the authorities if he got the goods down on their shoulders. There were plenty of boys looking for jobs during the Depression. So they canned Bill. Repeatedly. Beaten in the face, Bill would return home, the malignity for his mother growing daily. Finally, even she agreed to an alternative. On June 6, 1938, Bill joined the Marine Corps Reserve. It was his first step toward becoming a national hero.

Sunday  
Sept. 1, 1985

## Roots Unknown hero

In November, 1940, Hammond's Unknown Hero was ordered to active duty. A little more than a year later, William Gordon Windrich changed his address to the South Pacific, where he spent 30 months and developed a serious problem. Although he survived bullets, grenades, and bombs, he contracted a violent case of malaria. It was so bad that the Marines, after failing to abate it, sent him to the American Samoa island of Pago Pago, to be treated by the sea of a tribal chief.

Miraculously, John Isaia brought Windrich back to health. Using a mysterious variety of herbs, Isaia made it possible for Windrich to return to active duty, although he never fully recovered from the disease. As a result, the two became close friends. So, when John Isaia's son was born, he named the future child "Windrich," in honor of Hammond's Unknown Hero. And, back in the states where Windrich had been a child of his own, he named her Alita, a name reminiscent of his stay on Pago Pago. (Alita is a resort with a beach.)

In the spring of 1944, Marine Staff Sergeant William Gordon Windrich, returned from the South Pacific to Camp Lejeune, N.C., and during that time, he visited Hammond with his old neighborhood. He talked what he saw, Margaret Lawrence Kingston, a girl on the block, had blossomed into a vivacious young woman.

One June 14, 1944, Bill Windrich married Patti (she was Irish) Kingston, and returned to North Carolina, where they thrived in their new existence. The following spring, Alita Marie was born. April, 1945. Then the war ended, and complications arose. Bill, the rebellious boy who had fought his mother's interference without surrender, gave way readily to Marine discipline. He at last had found a home. The prospect of civilian life held little appeal for him. Nevertheless, following discharge in November, 1946, he returned to Hammond, earned his high school diploma (GED), worked at various jobs, such as a Calumet City cab driver, and listened to the clock ticking.

He had 90 days to re-enlist in the Marines as a regular, with no reduction in rank. His wife, however, wanted to remain in Hammond, mainly to attend to her ailing mother. The clock ticked on. Sooner Bill's temper triumphed. He got into a series of altercations, and finally reached the point where Patti would not go with him to a Marine base in California. He would go without her. They divorced Feb. 18, 1946.

It's not known what exactly happened that night, but the next day, Bill Windrich wound up married to a pretty, 21-year-old employee of a Cal City cabaret. That clinched it. He joined the Marines pronto and headed for Bikini Atoll on the good ship USS Mount McKinley. There he participated in an explosion that put his own temper to rest — the largest atomic blast the world had ever known, one that caused Bikini to vanish, one that made the U.S. the strongest player in the new game of Cold War, and one that gave its name to a bathing suit that knocked men unconscious, or at least caused explosions in their heads.

On Oct. 29, 1947, Evelyn Windrich, 22, of 15 E. Ohio St., Chicago, was granted a divorce in the circuit court on grounds of desertion from her husband, William, 26, a Marine sergeant who it seemed was at the time stationed in China. Under questioning by her attorneys, she told Judge Julius H. Mizer that she had married Windrich shortly after his discharge from the Marines, but that he had not appeared a few days later. She said he had been enlisted after announcing that married life was "tougher than being a Marine." She waived alimony.

A NOTE: Margaret Lawrence Windrich, after living in the old Hammond neighborhood on Claude Avenue until 1948, remarried Windrich and lived with him and their daughter Alita Marie (Baker) in California. California, near Camp Pendleton. There her husband became an expert spear fisherman, hunted game with both a rifle and a new and improved rod and reel. On duty, he served as a military policeman, and frequently sent what he considered unkept young Marines back to camp from being too drunk like a proper Marine should.

ROOTS

## Forgotten hero's lack of recognition is a mystery to writer

Sept. 8, 1985

The Calumet Region usually honors its handful of Congressional Medal of Honor winners in highly visible ways.

Among Calumet Region communities, only Dolton has failed to memorialize its greatest hero. In Dolton's case, Sgt. Allan James Lynch, 1st Air Cavalry, is the only Calumet Region Medal of Honor winner still alive. Only Dolton, that is, until now. Why has Hammond failed to honor William Gordon Windrich? The most obvious answer is that the city didn't know about him. But how could that be? He went to four schools in Hammond and married



Archibald  
McKinley  
Times  
Columnist

and re-married a Hammond girl, his father lived in Hammond and was a foreman at the city's only oil refinery (Shell); his mother lived on Claude, Fayette, Hohman, and Conkey, as well as in East Chicago and Indiana Harbor. His sister lived in Hammond and still lives in Dyer. It just doesn't make sense,

and therefore it is a mystery worth pursuing.

One explanation might be that Windrich left the Region as an early as age, and that he was a resident of Carlsbad, Calif., when he was killed in 1946, and his wife and daughter still lived there when the Congressional Medal of Honor was presented to him posthumously. But that doesn't wash. Frank Borman, the astronaut, left Gary for Arizona as an even earlier age, and there is a superhighway that cuts through Hammond and Gary that carries his name.

Another explanation might be that he was not a high-profile per-

son in school. But neither were the others.

Another explanation is that he was a dropout, having quit school after his freshman year in 1937.

But after World War II he did return to earn a high school diploma in Hammond the GED route in early 1946.

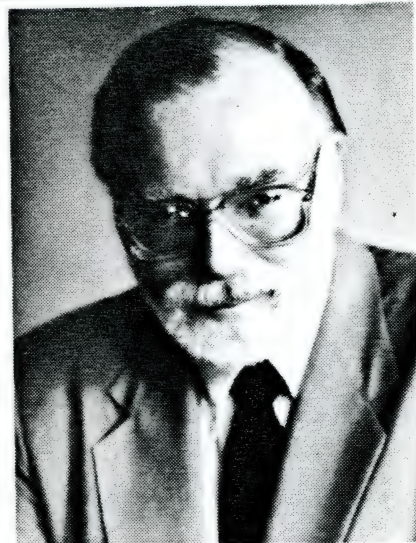
Another explanation might be that Hammond just doesn't care about its hero. I would hate to believe that, and don't. Yet there is evidence to suggest that that is the case. Jean Shepherd's movie, "Christmas Story," despite rare reviews in all parts of the country, has yet to play in his hometown of

Hammond — the subject of the movie. Then there's Jules Power, one of the finest television producers in the land, who only recently was "discovered" and given Hammond's outstanding achievement award. And perhaps the indifference theory is supported by the fact that the people who gave such awards have no obvious candidate for the next one.

That theory may also be supported by the fact that the Windrich question was raised not by a native Hammondite, but by an East Chicagoan, Richard Balka, an ex-Marine who now resides in

Hammond. Balka, after reading a book that said Windrich was from East Chicago, wrote to me and asked, "Are we guilty of not giving due recognition to one of our own, or is the book in error?"

After a transcontinental search, I could only tell Mr. Balka that Windrich was from Hammond, not East Chicago, but if East Chicago wanted to claim him, it technically could. His mother's address at the time of his heroism and recognition of it was East Chicago. Come to think of it, East Chicago would know exactly what to do with a hero.



ARCHIBALD MCKINLEY

Archibald McKinley, a native of Indiana Harbor, is a writer/director/producer who works in all media and is perhaps the most broadly-experienced communication specialist in Chicago.

Winner of many awards, his work ranges from the National Drivers Test, featuring Walter Cronkite and Mike Wallace, which McKinley nurtured into existence and which, as the highest-rated public affairs program in the history of television, won the Peabody Award, broadcasting's highest honor — to "A Mission of Beauty," the 18-projector multi-media show that more than three-quarters of a million people paid to see at the Tiffany Exhibit of Chicago's Museum of Science and Industry, a show that audio/visual experts from coast-to-coast called the finest of its kind ever produced.

He became associate director of the Office of Economic Opportunity in Washington, D.C., where he participated in a number of barrier-breaking projects with the Canadian National Film Board. His film unit also produced a show that was nominated for an Academy Award.

In the mid-1970s, McKinley coordinated an NBC "Big Event" program that won critical acclaim, and wrote and produced a sponsored film that won a special creativity award in competition with films from more than 200 countries.

A communication consultant to corporations and non-profit institutions, McKinley helps create strategic plans and writes annual reports, speeches, and other executive communications for such clients as Tribune Company, Carson Pirie Scott & Co., The Children's Memorial Hospital, Arthur Andersen & Co., and others. He also writes, directs, and produces motion pictures and audio/visual shows for a number of clients.

McKinley also teaches a six-credit-hour pro-seminar — a combination of logic and rhetoric — at Roosevelt University, Chicago.

In the Calumet Region, McKinley is perhaps best known for "Calumet Roots," his Sunday column in the Times of Hammond, in which he takes a bemused look at the Region's saints and sinners of the past. McKinley's understated, ironic style informs, entertains, and inspires readers with a sense of pride in their heritage. A collection of these columns will be published as a book in the near future.

McKinley is a member of the "East Chicago Hall of Fame."



# THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER OF THE CALUMET REGION

The tombs of the "Unknown Soldiers" of major wars of America are in Washington, D.C. Each is known but to God and each is awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor in grateful appreciation by our nation for that soldier or sailor. Each has been chosen by a very complicated system and enshrined as representative of our nation's war dead.

America's foremost U. S. military decoration, the Medal of Honor, is given "for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of life, above and beyond the call of duty." Only 430 were awarded for bravery during all of World War II. Since the first Medal of Honor was awarded in 1861, no one from Hammond, Indiana had ever won, or so almost everyone in the Calumet Region thought.

It has recently come to the attention of the good citizens of Northwest Indiana that we have a hero of storybook proportions from our midst and we didn't know it. This U.S. Marine left his home, our industrial steelmaking region in 1940, served and was killed in Korea in late 1950. He was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor posthumously in 1952, but for reasons known only to God, we of the Calumet Region, who should have honored the hero, didn't even know his name or his achievements.

In July of 1985, we found out about the man and his record through a book entitled "Above and Beyond," a compilation of Medal of Honor winners. His home was shown to be East Chicago, Indiana and legionnaires of Allied Post 369 sought some answers.

Archibald McKinlay, an ex-East Chicagoan, who is a contributing columnist for The Times of Hammond was asked to help. His expertise in tracing genealogy is well known through his weekly articles about our Northwest Indiana. He began his search as puzzled as we were, but in a very short time, he confirmed that indeed we had an "unknown soldier....." unknown that is to those of us who should have honored him 30 plus years ago.

His body was buried in the frozen battlefield of Korea for five years before the U.S. Marine Corps brought it to Arlington National Cemetery. Legionnaires of Hammond Victory Post 168 and East Chicago Allied Post 369 unanimously decided a great wrong had been committed and leaving it so would be our loss.

Many former G.I.'s came from this industrial heartland along the shores of Lake Michigan. Many, like our "Unknown Soldier," S/Sgt. William G. Windrich, paid for our liberty with their lives. We found it a great, great wrong to not do something about bringing to light this man's achievements, even though they have laid buried in his families' history. Arch McKinlay offered a challenge to the Calumet Region in his concluding article in a four-part series. His challenge suggested, "What are we (The Calumet Region) going to do about it?"

The American Legion veterans of Post 168 and 369 joined forces to bring long overdue recognition to this champion who paid with his life and who came from the depths of The Depression to the frozen heights of the Korean mountains. We, of the legion, have had full cooperation with the two city administrations of Hammond and East Chicago.

Veteran's Day was chosen as a fitting day to honor S/Sgt. William G. Windrich. It has been almost 35 years since he died on the battlefield with the 1st Marine Division in Korea. Late, but not too late to honor our fallen comrade. It is our intention to make all our people aware of the treasure we have found in him. His history reflects the courage of a man who saw his job and did it.....truly above and beyond.

It is our hope that as a result of our Veteran's Day program, more will be inspired to find ways to immortalize S/Sgt. William G. Windrich.

—Richard J. Balka



# PROGRAM

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Opening ..... Donald B. Fulk, Commander Post 168

Posting of Colors ..... U.S. Marine Corps

Pledge of Allegiance ..... Helen Fitzgerald, Marine Corps League

National Anthem ..... Kenneth E. Throgmorton, Commandant  
Marine Corps League

Invocation ..... Rev. Edmund J. Murray, Chaplain  
Amer. Legion Dept. of Indiana

Remarks & Introduction of M.C. .... Joseph N. Rivich, Commander  
1st District American Legion

M.C.'s Opening Remarks ..... Richard J. Balka, Past Commander  
Post 369 & Committee Chairman

Welcome ..... Chester J. Lukawski, Commander Post 369

Introductions ..... John G. Krupa, Past Cmdr. Dept. of Ind.

Proclamation & Remarks ..... Hon. Thomas E. McDermott, Mayor  
City of Hammond

Proclamation & Remarks ..... Hon. Robert A. Pastrick, Mayor  
City of East Chicago

Commentary ..... Mr. Archibald McKinlay, Writer  
and Featured Times Columnist

Address ..... Major Genl. C. "Dean" Sangalis  
USMCR - Representing Gen. Paul Kelley,  
Commandant U.S. Marine Corps

Presentations ..... Mrs. Alita Marie "Bonnie" Windrich Monahan  
Daughter of Honoree William G. Windrich

Mrs. Ted (Virginia) Swan  
Sister of Honoree William G. Windrich

Mayors Pastrick & McDermott

Commanders Fulk & Lukawski

Widow & Daughter of Honoree  
Emilio A. DeLaGarza, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Emilio A. DeLaGarza, Sr.

Acknowledgement of Letters & Messages ..... Michael W. McPhillips

Closing Remarks ..... Richard J. Balka

Closing Prayer & Memorial ..... James L. O'Brien, Chaplain  
American Legion 1st District

GOD BLESS AMERICA ..... AUDIENCE Led by K. E. Throgmorton

## HAMMOND VICTORY POST NO. 168 THE AMERICAN LEGION

Hammond Victory Post 168 was organized by a group of World War I Veterans. Some had been Legionnaires in other Posts since the founding of The American Legion.

Victory Post No. 168 was chartered April 21, 1931 with 71 members on the Charter Application. ADELBERT SLIGER was elected the First Commander; Harold D. Comp, Adjutant and Walter B. Hess, Finance Officer.

The Post Home was a store building at the present 721 State St., location. In the next few years three more adjoining store fronts were acquired (1945) and remodeled into one large building which is now a very spacious Post Home. This consists of a hall, lounge and club rooms. In 1956-1957 an eight lane bowling alley was added.

Victory Post No. 168 has always been dedicated to the programs of The American Legion and service to the Community, State and Nation.



### 1985-1986 Officers:

Donald B. Fulk	Commander
Clyde V. Colgrove	1st V. Commander
Jerry Flaherty	2nd V. Commander
Bert Fulk	Adjutant
Eugene Mulholland	Finance Officer
John Kuenzer	Serv. Officer
Joseph Mulholland	Chaplain
Charles Vasquez	Historian
Lee Wagner	Judge Advocate
John Tonner	Sgt. At Arms
George VanSlyke	Past Cmdr.
Terry Pierson	Past Cmdr.
Thomas Somerville	Past Cmdr.

## EAST CHICAGO ALLIED POST NO. 369 THE AMERICAN LEGION

Allied Post 369 was organized by a group of World War II Veterans, chartered April 25, 1946, made up almost entirely of new members, thus not drawing members from four other Posts in existence at that time all centered in Indiana Harbor.

The feeling was that the East Chicago side of town had the numbers and could very well develop and support an American Legion Post. The decision was a wise one as 369 became an immediate success.

The growth of Post 369 since 1946 has surpassed the most optimistic dreams of our founders. We have become the second largest Post in Indiana. We have increased our membership for the last 36 consecutive years. We have shown good faith in that our organization has and is continuing to live up to the purposes set forth in the Preamble.

First Officers were Edmund F. Trinski, Commander; Allie J. Wleklinski, Adjutant and Theodore Kwiatkowski, Finance Officer.



### 1985-1986 Officers:

Chester J. Lukawski	Commander
Richard L. Radowski	1st V. Cmdr.
George Turnquist	2nd V. Cmdr.
John A. Surman	Adjutant
John G. Krupa	Finance Officer
Eugene Johnson	Serv. Officer
Stephen J. Kozlowski	Chaplain
Eugene J. Saczawa	Historian
Russell J. Barron	Judge Advct.
Joe Jakubowicz	Pres. Bldg. Bd.
Joseph N. Rivich	Busn. Mgr.
Edward J. Talarek	Bldg. Mgr.
John J. Janik	Sgt. At Arms
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Joseph Pecenka	Past Cmdrs. Club

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Thomas Somerville

Tonite's music is furnished by Local No. 203 Musician's Guild  
Invitation-tickets donated by Mr. & Mrs. Joe Vichik



HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 1986

The February meeting of the Hammond Historical Society was held on Sunday, February 16, 1986 at 2:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the Hammond Public Library. Bert Hindmarch presided in the absence of the president because of illness. He reported Ted Shatkowski is now in Med-Inn as is also Florence Cleveland. 37 signed the attendance sheet.

Bert announced the next three programs scheduled: Sunday, March 16, Frank Galvin reminiscing; Sunday, April 20, Avril Colby hosting a panel of family members, Mrs. Colby, Barbara Bieker and Charles Hohman; May 13, the annual dinner meeting at the Calumet Area Career Center (Former Technical Vocational High School), speaker yet to be confirmed.

Marjorie Sohl announced tickets are now available for the Hammond Achievement Award Dinner on Tuesday, April 8, sponsored jointly by our Society and the Hammond Rotary. It will be held this year at Teibel's. Tickets are \$18.00. Honored by the award will be Charles Tinkham, Professor of English at Purdue University Calumet and widely published poet. The treasurer, Evainez Jonas, reported a balance of \$4,215.39.

Bert Hindmarch introduced the speaker, Tim Early, part owner of HydroVision, an undersea photographer, discoverer and explorer of some of the sunken vessels in Lake Michigan off Hammond and Whiting shores. Mr. Early showed a half-hour film made in three locations by his firm and aimed at divers to show the kind of things they do.

The film opened by showing how they fly over the sight and often times can spot the sunken wreck from the air and later dive to explore and photograph it. Seen in the picture was the sight of the David Dows, a super sailing vessel that was being used as a coal barge. It was being towed when it sunk 30 off the Calumet Harbor N,NE. Because of the nearness to the surface and the shipping lanes, the wreckage is now marked by a red buoy.

Mr. Early pointed out that wrecks are destroyed in time by weather and man. The water activity and weather breaks them up and buries them. Man destroys them by lakefront development or dumping slag and fill in areas. If the Calumet Harbor is developed further, the wreck just off the harbor will be buried. His company is doing what it can to preserve them thru photography since most people cannot dive to see them and it is too expensive or impossible to raise them up.

Mr. Early itemized eight known wrecks in this area of the lake but not all of them have been found yet.

The film then visited the Bon Ter mine about an hour from St. Louis that is now filled with water and forms a 300 foot deep underground lake. It has solid rock walls and mining equipment still in place in it. The mine is a popular place for recreational divers to explore with the guidance of professional divers.

The third place visited in the film was France Park, near Logan-sport, where a former quarry is now used for diving. It is full of fish and they surround the divers. The second quarry, not as deep, is now dry and the third and largest is now being reclaimed by the land.

At this point Mr. Early stopped the film and spent the remaining time answering questions during an informal conversation period with refreshments served.

Respectfully submitted,

*Marjorie Sohl*

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

P.S. Due to the resignation of Harold Ogg as Director of the Hammond Public Library and Editor of the Newsletter, a publication committee consisting of Bert Hindmarch, Ron Clarke, Kathryn Thegze and Marjorie Sohl met on February 12. Kathryn Thegze concented to serve as Newsletter Editor and publication will continue at the library with the committee submitting material regularly to add to contributions that come to our attention. Please keep them coming in.



HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 1986  
ATTENDANCE

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
Max & Jeri Sears	
James W. LeVan	
Bert Hindmarch	
Donna Djenka	
Joan Bohling	
Tom Bohling	11229 S. Avenue O, Chicago, IL 60617
Lynn R. Shephard	
Nellie Tunis	
Lucille Friday	1805 Davis Ave, Whiting
Jean & Alfred Hayes	1740 Oliver St, Whiting
Ruth Arnold	Highland
Fern Arnold	Highland
Thomas Rutkowski	1259 Memorial Dr, Calumet City, IL
Roy Duke	927 Michigan St, Hammond
Daryl Dunsing	7509 Monroe Ave, Hammond
Milton L. Meriam	541 - 173rd St, Hammond
Huber Kielman	1575 River Drive, Hammond
Matthew Thomas	6424 Woodward Ave, Hammond
William Bock	14644 Blackstone, Dolton, IL
William Moran	7127 Forest Ave, Hammond
Jane Moran	7127 Forest Ave, Hammond
Pauline Melbort	
Kathe Early	
Ronald T. Lorpaski	120 - 157th St, Calumet City, IL
J. Ralston Miller	37 Waltham St, Hammond
Evainez Jonas	Hammond
Antoinette Caldwell	7218 Madison Ave, Hammond
Paul Caldwell	7218 Madison Ave, Hammond
Richard Ryder	1242 Fisher St, Munster
Arthur D. Diaz	6749 Madison Ave, Hammond
Sharry T. Hlusa	5749 Madison Ave, Hammond
Genevieve Keadzurski	Calumet City, IL
Mr. & Mrs. Roland Clarke	7519 Jackson Ave, Hammond
Marjorie Sohl	5615 Sohl Ave, Hammond

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

February 16, 1986

Savings Account                      \$ 656.42

Checking                                      3,558.97

Total.....                      \$ 4,215.39

Submitted by

Treas.

## Hammond Historical Society Meeting Sunday, March 16, 1986

The March meeting of the Hammond Historical Society was held on Sunday, March 16, 1986, at 2<sup>30</sup> p.m. in the Community Room of the Hammond Public Library. Bert Hindmarch presided in the absence of the president due to illness. He reported that Mr. Shatkowski remains in Med-Clin. The secretary, Marge Sohl is also absent due to attending a meeting in Muncie. Forty members and guests signed the attendance sheet.

Bert announced the Achievement Award dinner on Tuesday, April 8, at Teibel's in Schererville. The chicken and fish dinner at 6<sup>30</sup> p.m. will be \$18.00, and the guest of honor this year, Charles Tinkham, will read some of his poetry and talk about growing up in



Hammond.

She also announced the coming Society meetings: Sunday, April 20, a panel of Hohnman and Mott family members in a discussion of their families; May 13, the annual dinner meeting to be held at the Hammond Area Career Center at 6<sup>30</sup> p.m., with a tour of the facility, dinner catered by the Center's food classes, and the speaker, Dr. Eldon Horton, speaking on "The History of Vocational Training in Hammond."

There has been no summer trip for the Society planned as yet, and Bert also reported the speaker for the September meeting will be a member of the Indiana Historical Society.

Evagene Jones, Treasurer, reported \$3,533.34 in the checking account and \$656.42 in savings, a total of \$4,189.76. She also reminded members that dues are payable



in May, and suggested that they be paid as soon as possible to avoid a "last minute rush" at the annual dinner!

Jules Ebert reported he is still working on the cabinet for the past presidents' pictures but has been delayed since both he and Mrs. Ebert have been ill.

Roger Feeder announced that the Society publication "The Bicentennial Book" is still available, the price now cut to \$3.00 (\$2.00 if purchased in groups).

Bert Hindmarch introduced the speaker, Mr. Frank Galvin, who with his older brother, Timothy, is one of Hammond's longest-practising attorneys. The Galvins came to Hammond in the 1920's following Frank's graduation from Notre Dame. Both were born and raised in Kosciusko County, Indiana, the county with 40 lakes, so both were dedicated fishermen. They had planned to practise law together, so Tim,



already in practice in Valparaiso, moved to Indiana Harbor to a new office with his newly-certified brother. From there they came in 1923 and set up an office in Emmerling's building upstairs over the funeral parlor.

The Hammond Building was the only real office building in town, but since The Hammond Times occupied most of the building, there were no offices available for The Galvins. Lawyers already having offices there included Joseph Elbach, J. K. and J. M. Stinson, Bernard Gavitt, Gerald Gillette, Joe Conroy, Merritt Metz, C. B. and Adrian Tinkham, A. J. Whinery, John Sawyer, L. L. Bomberger, Ray Royce, and George Shearer, among others. As soon as a vacancy occurred, Frank and Tim Galvin joined the others, opening their law office with furniture bought from a retiring Valparaiso lawyer.



Mr. Galvin recalled the downtown of the 1920's and 1930's, with 5 theaters, Kaufman and Wolf's Lion Store, Rothschild and Hirsch, E.C. Minas, the Northern States Life Insurance Company, and 5 banks. The Lake Superior Court House still stood on Hohman and Gimback, and the Federal Court was at the corner of State and Oakley.

The number of lawyers was about the same, and few had automobiles so they travelled about the district by train. But all in all, the Galvins have never regretted setting up their law practice sixty years ago in Hammond!

After a period of questions and answers, refreshments were served during an hour of informal conversation.

The meeting adjourned at 3<sup>40</sup> p.m.

Respectfully  
Kathryn Ikegze  
Secretary Pro Tem

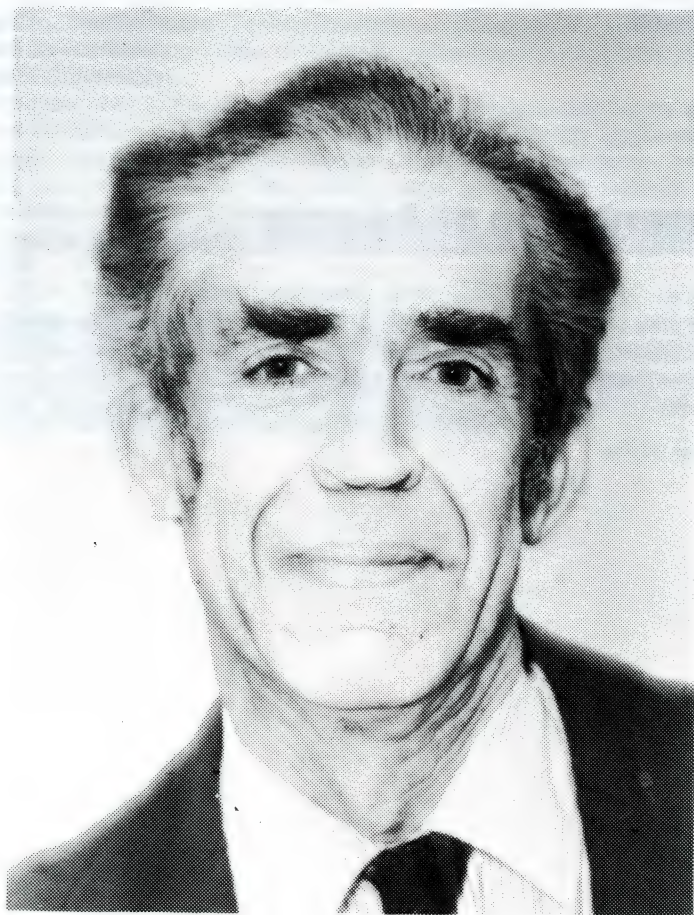


HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
SUNDAY, MARCH 16, 1986  
ATTENDANCE

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>PHONE</u>
Bert Hindmarch	7018 Knickerbocker	844-3205
Lucille B. Friday	1805 Davis, Whiting	659-0454
Jean & Alfred Hayes	Whiting	
Thomas Rutkowski	1259 Memorial Dr. C.C. Ill.	862-2389
Hazel Lindstrom	410 Conkey	932-8489
Isabel Webb	7019 Northcote	844-4113
Toni Caldwell	7218 Madison	932-1211
Paul Caldwell	7218 Madison	932-1211
Wanda Seevers	18257 Roy St, Lansing	474-3435
Harold R. Story	2020 Sherwood Lake Dr. Schererville	865-8494
Anne Wagya	6632 Arizona	844-6035
Mr. & Mrs. Harold Wagner	6519 Forest Ave.	931-3846
Daryl Dunsing	7509 Monroe	
Mr. & Mrs. Ron Clarke	7519 Jackson	931-5964
Mrs. Stephany Choss	22 Detroit	
Mrs. Catherine Schaertl	24 Condit St.	933-0663
Mrs. Alice Anderkay	6229 Blaine	931-7199
Mrs. Eileen Huffman	6433 Blaine	931-2446
Carroll Bruce	6425 Blaine	931-6070
Jules Ebert	6637 Jackson	932-3029
Ann Noy	6351 Madison Ave.	933-6581
Dorothy Callahan	516 Harrison, C.C. Ill	891-9278
Grace Sorrell	1451 State St. Apt. 1-A, C.C. Ill	891-1677
Isabel Storey	136 $\frac{1}{2}$ Sibley	931-5066
Ruth Decker	136 $\frac{1}{2}$ Sibley	931-9278
Melvin & Emma Spangler	506 Avalon Dr. Dyer	865-1062
Eileen & Tom Luney	8342 Schreiber, Munster	838-5860
Anthony & Olive Seidler	1811 Ridge Rd. Munster	838-5184
Ida Polito	17 Wildwood Rd.	931-9582
Fran Polito	17 Wildwood Rd.	931-9582
Roger Reeder	7014 Forest Ave.	932-0400
J. Ralston Miller	37 Waltham	932-0554
Mr. & Mrs. C. Gehrke	1732 Davis, Whiting	659-6316
Margaret Galina	50 Kenwood	937-3700
Donna Djenka		
Milton L. Meriam	541-173rd St.	932-7851
Kathryn Thegze	7435 Olcott	844-2022
Evainez Jonas	556 Detroit	932-5056

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**Seventh  
Annual Hammond  
Achievement  
Award**



**Charles B. Tinkham**

**April 8, 1986**



## Program

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Invocation.....Carl Carlsson  
Master of Ceremonies.....Mike Hornack

Testimonial.....Richard J. Coombs  
Chancellor, Purdue  
University Calumet

## Presentation of Awards

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Keys to the City of Hammond.....Mayor Tom McDermott  
Hammond Rotary Club, President.....Randy Jacobs  
Hammond Historical Society, Secretary.....Marjorie Sohl  
Honoree.....Charles B. Tinkham

## Charles B. Tinkham

Dedicated to unearthing talent which might otherwise remain, dormant, Charles Tinkham is a catalyst for literary creativity in this heartland we call the Calumet Region. He believes in the Region and the overwhelming creativity of its people. During the last two decades his creative writing students, numbering in the thousands, have gone on to publication and honors of their own.

A prolific poet since the 1950's, Charles Tinkham calls upon all of the senses available to humans. He observes the everyday occurrences of life, past and present, and elicits the emotions present there, emotions which judgmental words like passion and beauty and despair cannot adequately describe. Characters deposited by metal pressing an ink ribbon against paper become miniature worlds representing all times and all people.

Charles Tinkham has published over 200 poems in prominent magazines and journals throughout the world and is a recipient of numerous awards for his writing and his teaching. He is an associate professor of English at Purdue University Calumet and has been a member of the faculty for 30 years. He is a lifelong resident of Hammond where countless friends and associates call him "Charlie".

— Michael Beres

# HAMMOND ACHIEVEMENT AWARD HISTORY

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The Hammond Achievement Award was originated as a way for the City of Hammond to honor and give recognition each year to a living man or woman who was born, raised or educated in Hammond; who has achieved national or international fame in the field of arts, science or business and industry; and who was not from the same field of endeavor as the previous awardee. A plaque bearing the seal of Hammond and of the United States and listing the major achievements of the recipient will be on permanent display by the Hammond Historical Society in the Community Room of the Hammond Public Library.

The first award was presented in 1980 to Irv Cross, former professional football star and current CBS sportscaster and business executive.

The 1981 award was presented to Jean Shepherd, nationally known author and humorist.

The third award was presented in 1982 to Dean H. Mitchell, former chief executive officer of Northern Indiana Public Service Company.

Honored in 1983 was Judge Luther M. Swygert, distinguished lawyer, U.S. District Judge and U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals Judge.

In 1984, Henry C. Cleveland, M.D., who has distinguished himself nationally in the fields of thoracic surgery and emergency medicine was honored.

Last year, 1985, we honored Jules Power, a contemporary television producer with many top rated shows.

This year, 1986, the honoree is Charles B. Tinkham, a life long resident of Hammond, widely proclaimed for his inspiring and prolific poetry. An associate professor of English at Purdue Calumet, he is equally renowned for his skill as an educator and the ability to pass his creative talents to his students.



HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
SUNDAY, APRIL 20, 1986

The April meeting of the Hammond Historical Society was held on Sunday, April 20, 1986 in the Hammond Public Library Community Room at 2:30 p.m. Bert Hindmarch presided. Sixty seven signed the attendance sheet.

The treasurer reported a balance of \$4259.88. Mr. McNabney gave directions into the Calumet Area Career Center for the annual dinner meeting May 8 when Dr. Horton will give us a history of vocational education in Hammond and a tour of the present facility. Bert Hindmarch announced the September meeting will feature the Indiana Historical Society and the October meeting hopefully will be at the Towle House.

Averill Colby was introduced to host the panel of Hohman family descendents for an hour of reminiscing. He displayed a chart of four generations of descendents of Ernst and Caroline Sibley Hohman. He identified the seven children of Ernst and Caroline Hohman as Otelia, Agnes, Emma, Lena, Charles, Lewis and Robert.

The first speaker was Charles, son of Charles and grandson of Ernst and Caroline. He remembered little of his grandparents because his father was 60 when he was born. He remembers there was little talk of the early days in the family except of the hunting and fishing in the area and the visits of the Indians to the graves of their ancestors in the area. His father told of going to Crown Point to school, getting off the train in Dolton and skating down the Calumet River to home.

Mr. Colby identified with the family by marrying the next speaker, Rosemary Wilson Colby, daughter of Irene Mott Wilson, granddaughter of Emma Hohman Mott and Fred Mott, Mayor of Hammond, and great granddaughter of Ernst and Caroline Hohman. Irene died in childbirth so Rosemary, an only child, was raised in her grandmother's house, Emma Mott, at the corner of Webb and Hohman. She remembers their playing most of the time in Harrison Park, their putting on skates at home and skating across Hohman to the pond in the park. Her grandmother was very close to her sisters and they often gathered at the Mott House.

The next speaker was Barbara Bieker May, daughter of Ruth Hohman Bieker, granddaughter of Charles G. Hohman, and great granddaughter of Ernst and Caroline Hohman. She told the story of Caroline's donation of land to St. Joseph's Church even though she was not a Catholic. As far as is known, hers was the only non-Catholic funeral for whom the Catholic Church's bell was tolled. Barbara referred to Senator Douglas' visit to Ernst and Caroline's home and his gift to her of a beautiful broach. No one in the family here today knew what ever happened to the broach.

The next speaker was Fred Mott, son of Louie Mott and grandson of Emma and Mayor Fred Mott. He brought, displayed and then gave to the Calumet Room a collection of old papers, pictures and documents. He also, like Rosemary Colby, remembered well their Grandmother Mott's home, the meals they had there, the fine parkay floors and Oriental rugs, the hugh front door, the music room, library and five fire places, and the third floor billiard room. He regrets that it was torn down and not preserved. His father was in real estate and Fred now lives in Black Oak.

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The next speaker was Marie Ann Mott, daughter of Fred Mott, great great granddaughter of Ernst and Caroline Hohman, and youngest member of this panel. Marie referred to the women's inclination to write. She herself now writes for a living as a copywriter for WJOB. She said her grandmother Mildred Mott taught her to write. She quoted parts of Caroline's diary and letters to her sister, Louisa Sohl. Marie remembered her grandfather Louie Mott as a very dear and sensitive man with whom she and her brother took walks. She encouraged everyone to write down these kinds of memories that they have of their ancestors for those who come after them.

Mr. Colby closed the presentation by making the connection of Marjorie Sohl, Secretary of the Society to this panel by identifying her as great granddaughter to Louise Sohl, Caroline Hohman's sister.

Refreshments were served and a lot of visiting and personal questioning of the panel members followed.

Respectfully submitted,

*Marjorie Sohl*

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

4-20-86

Checking Account \$3,603.46

Savings " 656.42

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\$4,259.88



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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
SUNDAY, APRIL 20, 1986  
ATTENDANCE

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>PHONE</u>
Donna Djenka		
John F. Beckman III	12 Warren	937-1255
William R. Peunick		
Julia Mott	Gary	844-8575
Jean Nikruto	The Times	845-8800
Jean & Alfred Hayes	Whiting	659-0454
Lucille Friday	Whiting	659-7575
Bert & Margery Hindmarch	Hammond	844-3205
Joseph E. Tinkham	Hammond	931-9312
John R. Swanton	Hammond	931-7810
Catherine Tinkham	Hammond	931-9312
Winifred Swanton	Hammond	931-7810
Betty & Clare Gehrke	Whiting	659-6316
Nellie Tunis	Hammond	844-0046
Lynn Shephard	Hammond	844-4595
Thomas Rutkowski	Calumet City	862-2387
M. D. OHern	Munster	836-8393
Rudy Folta	Munster	836-5151
Roy Duke	Hammond	932-8168
Harold R. Story	Schererville	865-8494
Melvin & Emma Spangler	Dyer	865-1062
Milton L. Meriam	Hammond	932-7851
Ann & Bob Cantwell	1406 MacArthur, Munster	838-6658
David E. Cole	1321 Oriole Dr. Munster	923-4560
Bill May	6312 Forest Ave. Hammond	933-6323
Lois & Bob Sherby	6919 Ridgeland, Hammond	844-6796
Dr. & Mrs. Wm. McNabney	9016 Orchard, Highland	923-6656
Joseph G. Dunajeski	4327 Clark, Hammond	937-1010
Roger K. Reeder	260 - 165th, Hammond	932-0400
Mr. & Mrs. Paul Caldwell	7218 Madison, Hammond	932-1211
Matthew Thomas	6424 Woodward, Hammond	932-8904
Alice M. Bollin	7317 Magoun, Hammond	845-2697
Isabel Webb	7019 Northcote, Hammond	844-4113
Fern Arnold	8806 Woodward, Highland	923-2045
Ruth Arnold	8806 Woodward, Highland	923-2045
M/M Thomas M. Luney	8342 Schreiber Dr. Munster	838-5860
Jule Ebert	6627 Jackson, Hammond	932-3029
Daryl Dunsing	7509 Monroe, Hammond	
Emma Dunsing	7509 Monroe, Hammond	
Rosemary & Ron Clarke	7519 Jackson, Hammond	931-5964
Anne & John Beckman	6522 Hohman, Hammond	931-2981
Mrs. Charles Hohman	1215 E. Irvington, South Bend, IN	289-5409
Adelaide Hector	6344 Garfield	931-3163
Hazel Lindstrom	410 Conkey	932-8455
Edith Shanklin Twinman	Ind. Veterans Home, Lafayette	
George K. Chapin	9 Highland St. Hammond	931-2078
Walter George & Betty See	399 Ellendale, Crown Point	663-1072
Janet Highland	6219 Forest, Hammond	932-1620
Hermine Cutler	7003 Arizona, Hammond	844-0433
Arline Stoikowitz	1590 Kenilworth, C. C. Il.	862-6904

ATTENDANCE

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NAME

ADDRESS

PHONE

Mrs. Mary Kaminski  
Ted Myjewski  
Evainez Jonas  
Kathryn Thegze  
Marge Sohl

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256 Detroit, Hammond  
7435 Olcott, Hammond

937-1126  
937-1575  
932-5056  
844-2022



HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
TUESDAY, MAY 13, 1986  
ANNUAL MEETING

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The annual dinner meeting of the Hammond Historical Society was held on Tuesday, May 13, 1986 at 6:30 p.m. at the Hammond Area Career Center, 5727 Sohl Avenue, Hammond. 49 attended. Mr. William McNabney welcomed all to the center and Mrs. Evainez Janas gave the invocation. Dinner was served by the students of the center.

The business meeting was called to order at 7:30 by Vice President Bert Hindmarch. Mr. Verlyn Mack presented the society with a scrap book of pictures of buildings in Hammond that he felt should be saved. Bert Hindmarch reported that President Ted Shatkowski was paralyzed and in a nursing home. He summarized the year's programs, pointing out that the Hohman-Mott family panel was the outstanding program of the year. He previewed a couple of possible programs for the fall. Treasurer's report as printed on the back of the program was highlighted by Evainez Jonas. Roland Clarke presented the following report of the nominating committee:

President - Hazel Lindstrom  
1st Vice President - Bert Hindmarch  
2nd Vice President - Roy Duke  
3rd Vice President - Roger Reeder  
4th Vice President - Jules Ebert  
5th Vice President - Averill Colby  
Secretary - Marjorie Sohl  
Treasurer - Evainez Jonas

Directors -

'83-'87 Theodore Shatkowski (Replacing Charles McGregor)  
'86-'90 William McNabney  
J. Ralston Miller  
Melvin Spangler  
Kathryn Hegze  
Ethel Wilhelm

There being no nominations from the floor, the secretary was instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for the slate as nominated.

Mrs. Jonas conducted a brief memorial service for the three members who had died during the year: Alfred Hamer, Charles McGregor and Ruth Whitman.

Mr. McNabney introduced the speaker of the evening, Dr. Eldon A. Horton, the Director of the Hammond Area Career Center, who came to Hammond last August from Michigan. He summarized vocational education in Hammond since 1900.

Very little vocational education was offered in the early schools. 1917 was an historic year with the passage of the Smith-Hughes Act. Vocational Agriculture and later Home Economics were offered but Hammond was slow to respond to that act until in 1919 part-time students 14 to 16 years old were enrolled and Mr. Fred Barrows started a half-day program. Mary Dwyer became the first vocational teacher hired and she went directly to W. B. Conkey Company plant and conducted half-day training sessions there. She started with one student but by the end of the first school year, she had 14 boys and 11 girls enrolled. The next year typing was added and the curriculum expanded to all day. Mr. Benson was hired to teach drafting and served as a full time



instructor until 1938 when he became director when Mr. Barrows retired. He served as director until 1950 when the new Tech building was built.

An auto shop and a wood shop were added in 1920 when 3 programs for girls and 5 for boys were offered. In 1922 when the Central School was moved to Russell Street, it was officially organized then as Hammond Technical High School with some 500 students. Academic courses, geography and sciences were offered and business courses expanded to offer filing and comtomitry. In 1925 the Board of Education opened its offices in the Tech building and the one story structure constructed next door.

Thruout the late 20's and 30's Tech was a quality institution offering a comprehensive high school program. They developed a basketball team without even a gym of their own to practice in. They used Lafayette School gym for practice. They went on to win the state finals in 1940--without a gym. The war soon followed and building materials were not available. The building was used extensively thruout the war for training programs for the war effort. An aviation mechanics course was established in 1947 and training given on the overhaul of four basic planes.

By 1950 the new Technical Vocational High School was built for 3.5 million dollars and the Tech era on Russell Street ended. The new building housed 1100 students and in 1958 was expanded with the addition of a cafeteria and auditorium and in 1962 a library and media center. In 1962 enrollment reached a peak of 2009 on a full day basis. Then its slow demise began with the Vietnam War, the emphasis on college training and the 60's student revolts and dropping out of life. When Tech closed in June, 1982, it was down to 800 students, the same number it had back in 1926.

The decision was made in 1980 to reorganize Tech as an Area Career Center after it was completely renovated. Delays prevented the ACC opening until 1985. Now it is open for vocational training for Hammond, Munster, Highland, Griffith, Lake Central and Bishop Noll students who get their academic training in their local high schools and who pay the career center tuition for their vocational training. The heating, air conditioning and water systems were redone, two auto and machine shops have been added; Ivy Tech occupies the third floor and shares the machine shops; the school city computer center occupies one wing where computer classes are also conducted; and 900 students are currently enrolled in basic education classes preparing them for the high school equivalency test.

Future plans include opening of a sit-down restaurant in the cafeteria, development of more programs for girls to improve the 8 to 1 ratio of boys to girls, develop more retraining programs, and develop an aggressive placement program.

The evening concluded at 9 p.m., after a tour of the computer laboratory.

Respectfully submitted,

*Marjorie Sohl*

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary



## FINANCIAL STATEMENT

May 1, 1985 to April 30, 1986

Balance on Hand April 30, 1985	\$3,704.15
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## RECEIPTS:

Dues.....	990.00
Donations .....	22.00
Bank Interest.....	156.13
Book Sales.....	328.75
Dinners.....	455.00
Total Receipts	1,951.88

## DISBURSEMENTS:

Postage.....	257.80
Newsletter.....	210.42
Supplies.....	172.64
Bicentennial Books.....	50.75
Dinners & Decorations.....	462.00
Miscellaneous.....	83.07
Total Disbursements	1,236.68

Balance Checking Account	3,745.52
Balance Savings Account	673.83

BALANCE ON HAND April 30, 1986	\$4,419.35
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✓ARNOLD, FERN PD.  
FOSTER PD.  
RUTH PD.

✓BOLLIN, ALICE PD.

✓CLARKE, RON PD.  
ROSEMARY PD.

✓COLBY, AVRILLE PD.  
MRS. A. PD.

✓DUKE, ROY PD.

✓FRIDAY, LUCILLE PD.

✓GILLESPIE, HENRIETTA PD.

✓HANISH, ED. ~~NOT~~ PD.  
VELMA ~~NOT~~ PD.

✓HAYES, ALFRED PD.  
JEAN PD.

✓HECTOR, WALLACE PD.  
WALLACE PD.

✓HINDMARCH, BERT ~~NOT~~ PD.  
MARGERY ~~NOT~~ PD.

✓HOGYA, ANNE PD.

✓JONAS, EVAINEZ PD.  
WILLARD PD.

✓LINDSTROM, HAZEL PD.

✓LUNEY, EILEEN PD.  
TOM PD.

✓MCNABNEY, WILLIAM PD.  
MRS. PD.

✓MACK, VERLYN PD.  
MRS. V. PD.

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✓MORGAN, MARTIN PD.  
VIRGINIA PD.

✓SEIDLER, A.E. PD.  
OLIVE PD.

✓SHERBY, BOB PD.  
LOIS PD.

✓SOHL, MARJORIE PD.

✓SPANGLER, EMMA PD.  
MELVIN PD.

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apt. 1A  
Valparaiso, Ind.  
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✓✓SPESAK, ANDY PD.  
✓RICH PD.

✓STORY, HAROLD PD.

✓THEGZE, KATHERYN PD.

✓TINKHAM, KATHERINE PD.  
KATHERINE PD.

✓WAGNER, HAROLD PD.  
HELEN PD.

✓WEBB, ISABEL PD.

*Insert* ✓Millman, Mr & Mrs. George



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**Historical Society**  
**Hammond Technical High School**  
**Dinner**  
**Commencement**

**AREA CAREER CENTER**  
**HAMMOND TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL**

**May 13, 1986**  
**June 9, 1926**

**Eight o'Clock**  
**Six Thirty P.M.**



**SEE INSIDE**

Polish Dance—Scharwenka.....Orchestra  
Invocation.....Rev. J. C. Parrett  
Musical Numbers.....Orchestra  
Ye Banks and Braes of Bonnie Doon.....  
Intermezzo from Cavalleria Rusticana.....Mafcagne  
Address.....Mr. Morse DellPlain  
Musical Numbers.....Orchestra  
From the Cane Break.....Gardner  
Believe Me of All Those Endearing Young Charms  
Talk.....Director F. S. Barrows  
Presentation of Diplomas.....Supt. L. L. Caldwell  
Benediction.....Rev. J. C. Parrett  
Music Furnished by Aeolian String Quartette—  
Mrs. Lillian Brooks, Misses Medora, Ruth and  
Elizabeth Walker.

**Twenty-Sixth Annual Dinner Meeting**

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
26th ANNUAL DINNER MEETING  
May 13th, 1986 6:30 p.m.

Hammond Area Career Center  
5727 Sohl Avenue, Hammond

WELCOME.....Mr. William McNabney

INVOCATION..... Mrs. Evainez Jonas

\* DINNER \*

BUSINESS MEETING AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Minutes of Previous Annual Meeting

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary  
Annual Financial Report

Evainez Jonas, Treasurer  
President's Annual Report

Bert Hindmarch, Vice President  
Nominating Committee Report  
Roland Clarke

MEMORIAL SERVICE..... Mrs. Evainez Jonas

In Memory of:  
Alfred Hamer  
Charles McGregor  
Ruth Whitman

"HISTORY OF VOCATIONAL TRAINING IN HAMMOND"  
..... Dr. Eldon A. Horton

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

TOUR OF CALUMET AREA CAREER CENTER

OFFICERS

1985 - 1986

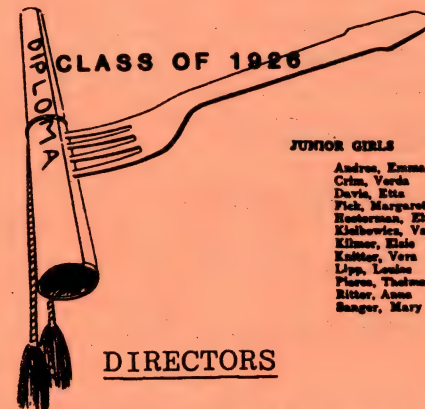
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President.....Theodore Shatkowski  
1st Vice President.....Bert Hindmarch  
2nd Vice President.....Roy Duke  
3rd Vice President.....Roger Reeder  
4th Vice President..... Jules Ebert  
5th Vice President..... William McNabney  
Secretary.....Marjorie Sohl  
Treasurer.....Evainez Jonas

JUNIOR BOYS

Mair, Howard  
Brumley, Charles  
Eldon, Arthur  
Greenberg, William  
Gyarics, George  
Herman, Herbert  
Hester, Charles  
Hester, John  
Kansfield, William  
Kerr, Charles  
Krapac, Jacob  
Kunde, Arnold  
Kuschel, Glen  
Luther, Fred  
Lau, Eugene  
McArdy, Russell  
Nichols, Melvin  
Oswald, Lawrence  
Powell, Donald  
Ramsey, Gilbert  
Rhaub, Edward  
Stringham, Eber  
Sullivan, Eugene  
Teelmer, Henry  
Whitmer, Harold

CLASS OF 1926



JUNIOR GIRLS

Andrus, Emma  
Crim, Verda  
Davis, Etta  
Fick, Margaret  
Hederman, Elizabeth  
Kilbourn, Vanda  
Kilmer, Elsie  
Kutler, Vera  
Lipp, Louise  
Pace, Thelma  
Ritter, Anne  
Sanger, Mary Ellen

DIRECTORS

Term thru May, 1986

Mr. Kevin Augustyn  
Miss Margaret Gunderson  
Mr. J. Ralston Miller  
Mr. Melvin Spangler  
Mrs. Kathryn Thegze

Term thru May, 1988

Ms. Alice Bollin  
Ms. Donna Djenka  
Mr. Daryl Dunsing  
Mr. Tom Rutkowski  
Mrs. Isabel Webb

Term thru May, 1987

Mr. Calvin Bellamy  
Mr. Jerome Kutak  
Mr. Saul Lerner  
Mr. Charles McGregor  
Mr. Harold Story

Term thru May, 1989

Mr. Roland Clarke  
Mr. Edward Hanish  
Mr. Alfred Hayes  
Mrs. Tom Luney  
Mrs. Marie Wilhelm



FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
May 1, 1985 to April 30, 1986

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BALANCE ON HAND April 30, 1985.....\$3,704.15

RECEIPTS:

Dues.....	\$ 990.00
Donations.....	22.00
Bank Interest.....	156.13
Book Sales.....	328.75
Dinners.....	<u>455.00</u>
Total Receipts	\$1,951.88

DISBURSEMENTS:

Postage.....	\$ 257.80
Newsletter.....	210.42
Supplies.....	172.64
Bicentennial Books.....	50.75
Dinners & Decorations.....	462.00
Miscellaneous.....	<u>83.07</u>
Total Disbursements	\$1,236.68

Balance Checking Account \$3,745.52

Balance Savings Account \$ 673.83

BALANCE ON HAND April 30, 1986 \$4,419.35

PAST PRESIDENTS

1959 to 1984

Mr. John Wilhelm\*  
Mr. Warren A. Reeder, Jr.\*  
Mr. Edward B. Hayward\*  
Mrs. Vincent Bower  
Mr. George Nelson  
Mr. Anton Tapper\*  
Mrs. Mary Peters\*  
Mrs. Harry Wilson\*  
Mr. Walter Bell\*  
Mrs. Henry Cleveland  
Miss Marjorie Sohl  
Mr. Gordon Whitney

Mr. Verlyn Mack  
Mrs. Nina Cravens  
Mrs. Leona Schreiber  
Mr. Kurt Marx\*  
Miss Fern Arnold  
Mrs. Willard Jonas  
Mrs. Grace Mack  
Mr. Charles McGregor\*  
Mr. Jules Ebert  
Mr. Bert Hindmarch  
Mr. Jerome Kutak  
Mr. Roger Reeder

\*Deceased\*

Marjorie Sohl

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Hammond Historical Society  
1986-87 Officers

President - Hazel Lindstrom  
First Vice-President - Bert Hindmarch  
Second Vice-President - Roy Duke  
Third Vice-President - Roger Reeder  
Fourth Vice-President - Jules Ebert  
Fifth Vice-President - Averill Colby  
Secretary - Marjorie Sohl  
Treasurer - Evainez Jonas

Directors

1983-87 - Theodore Shatkowski  
(replaces Charles McGregor)  
1986-90 - William McNabney  
J. Ralston Miller  
Melvin Spangler  
Kathryn Flegge  
Ethel Wilhelm



# THE TIMES

Sunday  
May 11, 1986

□ HAMMOND — The Hammond Historical Society will sponsor its annual dinner meeting Tuesday at the Hammond Area Career Center, 5727 Sohl Ave.

Guest speaker for the evening will be Dr. Eldon A. Horton. Reservations can be made by contacting Marjorie Sohl at the main library by today.

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A-6 THE TIMES Wednesday, May 14, 1986 IND.

## Vocational center tries to follow historic goal

By GINGER RODRIGUEZ  
Times Correspondent

HAMMOND — In 1926, the goal of Hammond Technical School was to help a student find work for which he was suited.

That goal is still worth pursuing, Hammond Area Career Center Director Eldon A. Horton told the Hammond Historical Society Tuesday.

Horton also outlined other objectives for the career center as he addressed the historical society's 26th annual banquet.

Goals include more food service programs, more programs to attract female students, entry level training for special education students, retraining for displaced steel workers, and more aggressive placement services.

Horton said Hammond became involved in vocational education in 1919, when the school board hired one teacher, Mary Dwyer, to serve the "part-timer" students between ages 14 and 16 who

worked part of the day. She was to teach them academic subjects — English, citizenship, hygiene and safety and arithmetic.

Only one student showed up the first day of Dwyer's new job. But by the end of 1920, 14 boys and 11 girls were in the program.

When school opened in 1922, Hammond Technical High School was officially set up in the school system's central building on Russell Street. Instead of leaving school to go to work, more and more students decided to stay in school to learn job skills. Over 500 students filled the central building by October, 1923.

While the vocational programs were originally set up to provide supplemental academics for students who worked, by the mid 1920s they primarily served full-time students.

Hammond Technical School's glory years began in 1940, when the Hammond Tech Tigers won the Indiana high school basketball tournament, and continued

through World War II. From 1942 to 1945, Hammond Tech ran around the clock, training more than 6,000 people to work in factories during the war effort.

Hammond Tech offered aviation mechanics during the war. "The pictures make it look like we were running an airport here," Horton said.

Hammond Technical/Vocation high school was built in 1950 for \$3.5 million, and opened to state and national acclaim.

Enrollment peaked at 2,000 in 1962 and then began a steady decline. Hammond Tech closed in June 1982, scheduled to reopen the next year as an area career center.

The center now provides programs that are too expensive for any one school system to provide. "Changing Hammond Tech to an area career center marks the strongest commitment to vocational education yet," Horton said.

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 1986

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The officers and Board of Directors of the Hammond Historical Society meeting at 1:30 p.m. preceded the 2:30 p.m. regular meeting of the Society. Thirteen members were present.

Hazel Lindstrom called the meeting to order. Bert Hindmarch reviewed the certain features of the next meeting on October 19 at the Towle House. The speaker is yet to be confirmed. He is trying to get John McLaughlin. Other program or speaker possibilities resulting from the brainstorming were:

Bob Hutton

Mueller (Hardware)

Smith (Decorating)

Sand Ridge Nature Center Archeologist, Mr. Lage

Bus Tour to Gibson Woods, Bieker Woods or Pullman, IL

Dr. Kuhn for a history of Hammond Clinic

Ethel Wilhelm asked to resign from the board because of her difficulty hearing. No action taken now.

Mrs. Jonas reported 6 memberships were sold at the International Cultural Festival, 5 more have come in since that time. \$45 worth of books were sold at the Fair.

Bert Hindmarch invited all who could to visit the Decorator House open thru next Sunday. This is the former Woods House in Woodmar. He also invited art and railroad buffs to visit the Art Train in Columbia Plaza between September 25 and 29th.

The meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

ATTENDANCE:

Hazel Lindstrom

Bert Hindmarch

Roy Duke

Marjorie Sohl

Evainez Jonas

Alice Bollin

Donna Djenka

Tom Rutkowski

Isabel Webb

Roland Clarke

Alfred Hayes

Eileen Luney

Kathryn Thegze



HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 1986

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The meeting of the Hammond Historical Society was called to order by the President, Hazel Lindstrom, at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, September 21, 1986 in the Community Room of the Hammond Public Library. Members and friends were welcomed to the beginning of a new year. Forty-six signed the attendance sheet.

Vice President Bert Hindmarch announced the next meeting would be at the Towle House, the speaker still to be confirmed. He also called attention to there being one week yet to see the Roscoe Woods house in Woodmar now being shown as a Decorator House. Also next week from September 25 thru 28th, the Art Train will be on display at Columbia Plaza. Roy Duke reported having contacted THE TIMES for more publicity and received a promise of pictures at the next meeting. The treasurer Mrs. Jonas, reported a balance of \$4728.94. She reported a good response on dues payments after the notice in the last bulletin and that eleven new members were received during the past month thru the mail and at the International Cultural Festival. The president read the names of those who helped man the Society's booth at the Festival and thanked them for their efforts.

Bert Hindmarch introduced the speaker for the day, Mr. F. Gerald Handfield, Jr., Assistant Director of Field Services for the Indiana Historical Society since 1982 who came to present a sound/slide program on Hoosier Homemakers. Mr. Handfield, an expert on oral history, combines appearances like this at Historical Society's meetings as a part of his job of working with local historical groups on research for grants and workshops and as an opportunity to promote the Indiana Historical Society with pamphlets and memberships.

Mr. Handfield described the project that today's program was the result of as being an outstanding local history project in the United States that had won an award even before it was completed. It was a volunteer project, begun in 1979, to present a history of the Home Economics Clubs of Indiana by interviews of the club leaders. Home Economics clubs were started on a county basis as a means of educating the women in the changing sciences of nutrition, food preserving and preparation, and other household responsibilities. They decided to interview five women in every county. Slides were collected or photographed to be made by the volunteers to illustrate the activities discussed in the interviews. Four copies of this sound/slide show are circulating and three books have been published of excerpts from the interviews. Mr. Handfield predicted that this century will be a very studied century because of the rapid and drastic changes in ways of performing household tasks. This program was an effort to record by interviewing the people who participated in the changes while they are still here.

The church, the school and neighborhood parties were the chief sources of entertainment of the early Hoosier homemakers. Much of her day was spent in preparing the meals from scratch. She would kill and dress the chicken, dig the potatoes, pick the vegetables and berries for cobbler. She cooked for the help too, sometimes up to 20 at the table. She sewed most of the family's clothes to save money.

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She learned these techniques thru the County Extension offices' classes.

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m. for coffee and home made cookies furnished by our president, Hazel Lindstrom.

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

# HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Checking Account	\$4055.11	8/29/86
Savings Account	673.83	
Total	\$4728.94	

Submitted 9-21-86

Evainez Jonas, Treas.



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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 1986  
ATTENDANCE

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>PHONE</u>
Mr/Mrs. Homer Shoemaker	7139 Woodlawn	932-9234
Rosemary & Roland Clarke	7519 Jackson	931-5964
Marjorie I. Halaburt	511-139th St.	931-0920
Verda Klemm	1701½ Central Ave, Whiting	659-3344
Betty & Clare Gehrke	1232 Davis, Whiting	659-6316
Thomas Rutkowski	1259 Memorial, C.C. IL	862-2389
Lenora Williamson	6630 Nevada	844-2183
Lucille Friday	1805 Davis, Whiting	659-7575
Jean & Alfred Hayes	1740 Oliver St, Whiting	659-0454
Donna Djenka	6321 Garfield	
Michael Adymic	3509 S. Union, Chicago	
Jerome & Carol Kutak	1718 Dylane Dr. Apt. 2I, Griffith	836-2120
Mr/Mrs. C.H. Beilby	6843 Northcote	844-5439
Gene Anderson	829 State St,	933-7468
Ruth Arnold	8806 Woodworth, Highland	932-2045
Fern Arnold	8806 Woodworth, Highland	932-2045
Tom & Eileen Luney	8342 Schreiber Dr. Munster	838-5860
Roy Duke	927 Michigan	932-8768
Viola Duke	927 Michigan	932-8768
Ethel Outler	4923 Hohman Ave, Apt. 204-A	
Barbara & Dick Royal	7143 Olcott	845-2195
Bert Hindmarch	7018 Knickerbocker	844-3205
Daryl Dunsing	7509 Monroe	
Alice M. Bollin	7317 Magoun	845-2697
Isabel Webb	7019 Northcote	844-4113
Ruth Adams	240 Humpfer	932-3123
Toni Caldwell=	7218 Madison	932-1111
Ted Myjewski	5618 Calumet	937-1575
Mrs. John H. Kaminski	6317 Columbia	931-3723
Hazel Lindstrom	410 Conkey	932-8459
Rosemary McCay	9214 Idlewild Dr. Highland	923-8442
Lillian Masepohl	Box 1616 Highland	838-9133
Evainez Jonas	256 Detroit	932-5056
Tony & Olive Seidler	1811 Ridge Rd.	838-5184
Paul Caldwell	7218 Madison	932-1211
J. Ralston Miller	37 Waltham	932-0554
Marjorie Sohl	5615 Sohl Ave	933-7424

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□ HAMMOND — "The Life and Times of Marcus Towle," presented by Robertsdale native David Dapertin, and "The History of Towle House," presented by Warren Houlitte, Tri-City Community Mental Health Center Child Services supervisor, will be the highlights of the November Hammond Historical Society meeting.

The meeting will be held in the Historic Towle House, 229 Ogden St. at 2 p.m. Sunday. Refreshments will be served and the public is invited.



HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19, 1986

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The Hammond Historical Society met on Sunday, October 19, 1986 at 2:30 p.m. in the Towle House, the home of Hammond's first mayor, at 229 Ogden Street. The home is now owned by and restored by Tri City Community Mental Health. Warren N. Houlette, their program supervisor of child and family services served as host. He welcomed us to the house, gave a brief history of the house and their use of it in the past year as a counseling center for family problems. It has a calming effect similar to a home setting. Society members were encouraged to tour the house while they were there.

The treasurer reported a balance of \$4822.35. Bert Hindmarch reviewed possible upcoming programs. The next meeting program is firm with Ray Kramer, a local railroad buff, speaking and showing slides of local railroads during the past 25 years.

Bert Hindmarch introduced the speaker for the day's program on the life and times of Marcus Towle, David Dapertin, currently a law student at Indiana University. A native of Robertsdale with an undergraduate degree in history and chemistry, he developed and pursued an interest in local history entirely on his own, mostly in the Whiting Public Library. That led to his teaching a class on the campus on the Calumet Region. 40% of the class were not from the Calumet Region. He encouraged them to approach a study of their own communities in the same manner as he had, by questioning the sources of the names of streets and people in the community. He contended the city really should have been named after Marcus Towle, its most important founder and contributor to its early formation. Marcus Towle and George Hammond were both early entrepreneurs but Towle remained in Hammond and operated from here while Hammond remained in Detroit and headquartered the business there with branches in the East, St. Joseph and Omaha. Hammond was a wide open Western town until the turn of the century and Calumet City was across the state line where the houses of prostitution were operated by the Chicago mob. Hammond was an isolated community surrounded by swamps. Hammond grew and Calumet City did not because Hammond had water and access to Lake Michigan which Calumet City did not and to whom Hammond would not sell. At the turn of the century, annexation of land was important. Expansion showed Hammond was a child of its time.

Refreshments were served while members roamed thru the house.

Respectfully submitted,

*Marjorie Sohl*

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19, 1986  
ATTENDANCE

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<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>PHONE</u>
Lucille Friday	1805 Davis Ave, Whiting	659-7575
Jean & Alfred Hayes	1740 Oliver St. Whiting	659-0454
Gene Anderson	829 State	933-7468
Roy Duke	927 Michigan	932-8768
David E. Cole	1321 Oriole Dr, Munster	923-4560
Michael Alynic	3509 S. Union, Chicago	376-5226
Donna Djenka	6321 Garfield	
A.C. Colby	37 Kenwood	932-7977
Jennie Juratich	7209 McLaughlin	844-5704
Joan Huber	7230 Woodmar	845-9739
Milton L. Meriam	541 - 173rd St.	932-7851
Toni & Paul Caldwell	7218 Madison	932-1211
Kathryn Thegzi	7435 Olcott	844-2022
Evainez Jonas	256 Detroit	932-5056
Isabel Webb	7019 Northcote	844-4113
Rosemary & Roland Clarke	7519 Jackson	
Emma & Daryl Dunsing	Monroe	
Mrs. Mary Kaminski	6317 Columbia	
Ted Myjewski	5618 Calumet	
Mary Ruch	516 Waltham	
Harold Story	2020 Sherwood Lake Dr, Schererville	
Lois & Robert Sherby	6919 Ridgeland	844-6796
Albert J. Paschen	723 Spruce	932-4847
Alice M. Bollin	7317 Magoun	845-2697
David Dobertin	2112 Superior, Whiting	659-2819
Jule Ebert	6637 Jackson	932-3029
J. Ralston Miller	37 Waltham St.	932-0554



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□ HAMMOND — "Railroads in Hammond" will be the featured program at the Hammond Historical Society meeting at 2:30 p.m. Sunday in the Community Room of the Hammond library, 564 State St.

Ray Kramer, a Hammond railroad enthusiast, will present a slide show highlighting the history of local railroads from the 1960s to the present.

The public is invited to attend.

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 1986

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The November meeting of the Hammond Historical Society was held in the Community Room of the Hammond Public Library on Sunday, November 16, 1986 at 2:30 p.m. Hazel Lindstrom presided. She read a thank you note from Kathryn Thegze for flowers received while in the hospital for knee surgery.

Jules Ebert reported on progress being made on his project to mount pictures of past presidents of the society.

Gerald Kutak announced the committee's selection of the 8th Annual Awardee for the Hammond Achievement Award, Carolyn Buster, co-owner and chief chef at The Cottage. The award will be presented April 21 at Tiebel's @ \$18.00 per plate.

The treasurer reported a balance of \$4987.26 in the two accounts.

Bert Hindmarch announced that the January 1987 program will feature Dick Smith talking about the Smith Family and their paint store. He introduced the speaker for today, Ray Kramer, a local railroad buff who accomplished his goal and now owns a steam locomotive. He is also interested in photographing trains and showed his collection of slides of trains passing thru this region--Hammond, Highland and Griffith--especially the Erie and Monon but also some Nickle Plate, C&O and Amtrack. Then he showed a series of pictures of the engine he bought in Cleveland in 1977 and the effort it was to move it out of the park where it was sitting and into a railroad yards where it sits today. He goes there to work on restoring it as he has time and money. He has also purchased from a scrapper four old coaches that seat 64 that he is rebuilding with the intention of running small excursions with his engine and coaches. However, he has found that liability insurance is so high today that it is almost prohibitive to think about it.

Refreshments were served and a social hour enjoyed.

Respectfully submitted,

*Marjorie Sohl*

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

Hammond Historical Society

November 1, 1986

Checking Account	\$4,295.80
Savings Account	<u>691.46</u>
	\$4,987.26

Submitted by



HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 1986  
ATTENDANCE

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>PHONE</u>
B. A. Hindmarch	7018 Knickerbocker	844-3205
Roy Duke	927 Michigan	932-8768
James W. LeVan	7406 Jackson	932-4771
Harold R. Story	2020 Sherwood Lake Dr, Schererville	865-8494
Evainez Jonas	256 Detroit	932-5056
Alfred & Jean Hayes	1740 Oliver St, Whiting	659-0454
Lucille Friday	1805 Davis Ave, Whiting	659-7575
Betty & Clare Gehrke	1732 Davis Ave, Whiting	659-6316
Richard & Mary Ellen Krizman	7116 Kennedy	844-1697
Michael Adymic	3509 Union, Chicago	
Donna Djenka		
Mr. & Mrs. Jerome F. Kutak	1718 Dylane Rd, Griffith	
Ted Myjewski	5622 Calumet	
Winifred L. Lammering	6341 Harrison	
Rosemary McCay	9214 Idlewild Dr, Highland	
Hazel Lindstrom	410 Conkey	
Paul Caldwell	7218 Madison	
J. Ralston Miller	37 Waltham	
Thomas Rutkowski	1259 Memorial, C.C. IL	
Jules Ebert	6639 Jackson	
Marjorie Halaburt	511 - 139th St.	
Ray Hartfield	3111 Franklin, Highland	
Mabel Hartfield	3111 Franklin, Highland	
Ray & Joan Kammer	3523 - 44th Pl. Highland	
Ray, Daymie, & Tracy Kammer	7003 Schneider	

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**THE TIMES** Friday, January 16, 1987

**□ HAMMOND —** Hammond businessman Richard Smith will be the featured speaker at the 2 p.m. Sunday meeting of the Hammond Historical Society.

Smith will discuss the history of the 67-year-old Hammond business his family has owned for three generations, Smith Paint and Supply Company.

The meeting will be held in the Community Room of the Main Library, 564 State St. Refreshments will be served and the public is invited to attend.

**THE TIMES** Sunday, January 18, 1987

**□ HAMMOND —** The Hammond Historical Society will hear from businessman Richard Smith at 2:30 this afternoon.

Smith will discuss the history of his family's business, Smith Paint and Suply Co. The meeting will be in the comunity room of the Main Library, 564 State St. Refreshments will be served.



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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
SUNDAY, JANUARY 18, 1987

The regular meeting of the Hammond Historical Society was held on Sunday, January 18, 1987 at 2:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the Hammond Public Library. 48 signed the roster. Hazel Lindstrom presided.

Jules Ebert reported on completion and hanging of the cabinet containing pictures of the past presidents and some of the publications of the society. More pictures are still needed.

A.C. Colby, Jr. reported that the annual dinner in May has been scheduled for May 12 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church at Detroit and Hohman. The church will celebrate its 100th anniversary next year, 1988.

Judy Hartfield Barrish presented to the society a copy of her family history, the Frank and Christine Johnson family, who ran a grocery on Highland Street. She hoped it would be a seed to attract more information about her family from people who knew them.

Mr. Jerry Kutak announced the Hammond Achievement Award to be presented to Carolyn Buster, co-owner and chef of the Cottage, will be on April 21 at Tiebels, co-sponsored by the Hammond Historical Society and Rotary Club of Hammond. Tickets will be available next month at \$18.00 per person.

Evainez Jonas presented the treasury balance of \$4,784.96 in the two accounts.

Bert Hindmarch introduced the speaker for the day, Richard (Dick) Smith, owner and operator of Smith Paint and Supply Company on Hohman Avenue. Dick Smith introduced the family members who were in the audience that included his mother, now 93 years old, and David, one of his three sons, all of whom now own the business since October, 1986.

The company was formed in 1888 by Frederick Brown. He took into the business Howard Young who purchased it in 1913 and Young operated it until 1920 when Dick Smith's father bought the business from Young having worked for him. They took in his brother and Leo Sanke. In 1929 Dick Smith bought out Sanke and changed the name to Smith Decorating. In 1960 his father died and in 1961 he purchased the business from his mother to whom it had been left. In October, 1986, the business was sold to his three sons and the name changed to Smith Paint and Supply Company. They have two stores, one in downtown Hammond and one in downtown Griffith. They dropped decorating contracting when the union costs got prohibitive and they concentrate now on selling paint supplies to many of the 22 painters who formerly worked for them that have gone into the decorating business. Also art and framing supplies constitute from 10 to 15% of their business. They have several hundred artists names on file.

Dick Smith answered some questions about his family background, stating that his mother's parents came from Ireland, progressed across Pennsylvania and Ohio and settled on the north side of Hammond. She met and married his father who was from Huntington when he worked for Mr. Young.



# SPOTLIGHT ON BUSINESS

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Daniel, Michael and Tim Smith began learning the paint business when they were still children

Times photo by Michael Zajakowski



# Family's paint store becomes brother act

By SHARON PORTA  
Times Correspondent

**HAMMOND** — With hardware giants and do-it-yourself stores popping up in every mall, how does a 100-year-old paint store continue to grow?

Dan Smith, President of Smith Paint and Supply, thinks the answer is knowledge and personal attention.

"Each customer is important to us, and they know it," Dan said. "They also know that we've got a lot of experience here and they'll get the right answers to their questions."

Three generations of Smiths have worked at this Hammond institution, and now the three brothers share the company's duties.

Dan is president and in charge of accounting and computers. Mike is vice president and owns Triad Design, an interior design and space planning service located in offices above the store. Tim, treasurer, runs the Griffith location. Eileen, their mother, is secretary and performs book-keeping duties for the store.

"On Saturdays and vacations, from the time we were 12, we worked at the store," Mike said. "It gave us a work ethic and taught us the value of a dollar."

It also taught them the paint business.

"We listened to my dad answer all kinds of questions while we worked, and we learned from him, just as he learned from his father," Mike said.

So when their father, Dick,

## Business profile

**BUSINESS:** Smith Paint & Supply, Inc. 5411 Hohman Ave., Hammond and 100 S. Broad St., Griffith

**OWNERS:** Dan, Mike, Tim and Eileen Smith.

**PHILOSOPHY:** "Our goal is to provide our customers with excellent service and the latest product information to best fulfill their needs."

retired in 1986, the boys were ready to take over.

The Smith brothers have added window treatments to the inventory of both stores to provide a complete decorating center.

"Since window treatments and paint are often difficult to coordinate, we've combined the two," Mike said. "The added convenience makes for one-stop shopping for our customers."

The store has also joined a buying group, so supplies and inventory can be purchased more competitively, to keep prices in line with the hardware giants.

Eileen Smith said that the customers have changed since she and her husband, originally purchased the store.

"There are more do-it-yourselfers now and people enjoy

viewing the results of their work," Eileen said. "Wallpaper is more popular, especially borders. Window treatments are also becoming more important."

The Hammond location has been a paint store since the 1880's. Grandfather Leo Smith and his brother, Herbert, bought the store in 1920. Dick, who had worked in the store his entire life, purchased the business in 1961 from his mother, Eva, after his father's death.

Originally, the Hammond store housed a painting and decorating service, with Grandfather Smith dispatching a crew of painters to service the area. That service ended in 1945, but the sale of paint continued.

The Griffith location was added in 1982, when the time seemed right for expansion.

"Business at the Griffith store is really growing," said Tim Smith. "And I don't feel separate from my brothers, here in Griffith. I stop by the Hammond location every day. The lines of communication are open."

Is it difficult for three brothers and their mother to be in one business together?

"Everyone knows their capabilities and respects each others opinions," Dan said. "We just all work together to get the job done."

Plans for the future include additional locations, which they'll add when the time is right, Dan said.

But, one thing is for sure: "We'll always be in Hammond," he said.

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Dick went to Catholic Central High School, graduated in 1940. He went into the service in 1942 and when he returned in 1946 he joined his father in the business.

The meeting adjourned for cookies and coffee and personal conversations.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Marjorie Sohl*

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

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Checking Account	\$4,103.50
Savings	691.46
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	\$4,794.96

Submitted by

Evainez Jonas, Treasurer



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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
SUNDAY, JANUARY 18, 1987  
ATTENDANCE

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>PHONE</u>
Donna Djenka	1718 Dylane Drive, Griffith	836-2120
Jerome & Carol Kutak	7324 New Hampshire	845-1371
Elizabeth Murphy	8806 Woodward, Highland	923-2045
Fern Arnold	8806 Woodward, Highland	923-2045
Ruth Arnold	7018 Knickerbocker	844-3205
Bert Hindmarch	1259 Memorial Dr. C.C. IL	
Thomas Rutkowski	6637 Jackson	932-3029
J. K. Ebert	15537 Dobson, Dolton, IL	949-5235
David ?	6317 Columbia	
M. Kaminski	5618 Calumet	
Ted Myjewski	1740 Oliver St, Whiting	659-7575
Jean & Alfred Hayes	1805 Davis Ave, Whiting	
Lucille Friday	37 Kenwood	932-7977
Rosemary & Averill Colby	1406 MacArthur, Munster	838-6658
Ann & Robert Cantwell	829 State	933-7468
Gene Anderson	7210 Baring Pkwy	844-2596
Bob & Clela Kindle	7519 Jackson	931-5964
Rosemary & Roland Clarke	7435 Olcott	844-2022
Kathryn Thegze	256 Detroit	932-5056
Evainez Jonas	241 Beverly, Munster	836-8393
M. D. O'Hern	541 - 173rd St.	932-7851
Milton L. Meriam	7406 Jackson	932-4771
James W. LeVan	50 Glendale Park	931-8881
Lee Smith	63 Glendale Park, Apt. 2	931-1155
John W. Wadas, Sr.	6112 Hohman Ave	933-0615
Mrs. Leo B. Smith	63 Glendale Pk.	931-6336
Mr. & Mrs. John J. Thomas	6634 Tanglewood Dr.	845-3644
Maura Thomas	1139 N. Elmer, Griffith	972-1564
Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Smith	1525 Park Dr., Munster	838-3932
Richard S. Smith	7509 Monroe	
Daryl Dunsing	7509 Monroe	
Emma Dunsing	410 Conkey	932-8459
Hazel Lindstrom	37 Waltham St.	932-0554
J. Ralston Miller	7019 Northcote	844-4113
Isabel Webb	7317 Magoun	844-2697
Alice M. Bollin	3111 Franklin, Highland	
Mabel & Ray Hartfield	Lincoln, Nebraska	
Judy Hartfield Barrish		
Marge Sohl		

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1987

Mrs. Hazel Lindstrom called to order the regular meeting of the Hammond Historical Society at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, February 15, 1987, in the Community Room of the Hammond Public Library. Thirty-five members and friends signed the attendance sheet.

Jules Ebert was called upon for a project report. He is still looking for pictures of past presidents. He is currently serving on the committee planning activities celebrating the 50th year of the Hammond Civic Center. They are planning to start a Sports Hall of Fame with the induction of twelve at a dinner at the Civic Center on March 9. He has tickets for sale. Inducted will be Fritz Ebert, Victor Metler, Herky Bereoles, Bob Livingston, Irv. Cross, Darrel Chaney, Rudy Chapa, John Keagle, John Whitaker, Lou Birkett, and Bill Easton.

Bert Hindmarch announced the programs planned for the rest of the year. March 15th, Florence Wahlberg of Cedar Lake will speak and show slides on the historic background of their museum now housed in the former Lasson Hotel. On April 12, (the meeting date moved up one week because of Easter) the speaker is not confirmed yet. Tuesday, May 12, the annual dinner meeting to be held at the St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Detroit and Hohman, will feature Tom Rogan speaking of his family's history. Bert inquired of interest in an environmental tour of Gibson Woods in Hessville on the first Sunday in June. Enough interest was indicated for him to agree to arrange it. More details later as plans are developed.

Bert introduced Hazel Lindstrom's program for today. Hazel showed a series of slides taken by her late husband thru the years and in the various seasons of the year, all of them at Sandridge Nature Center in Calumet City. Pictures of the same line of fenceposts marked the beginning of each month of pictures. As the seasons changed the pictures showed snow, trees, fences, flowers, individual and fields of them, ponds, ducks, sunsets and shadows. They were interpreted from time to time with the reading of a poem about the season or object of nature.

Refreshments were served during a social hour.

Respectfully submitted,

*Marjorie Sohl*

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

P.S. The treasurer turned in a report of:

Checking	\$3956.42
Savings	681.46
Total	<u>\$4647.88</u>



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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1987  
ATTENDANCE

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>PHONE</u>
Donna Djenka		
Lucille Friday	1805 Davis Ave, Whiting	659-7575
Jean & Alfred Hayes	1740 Oliver St, Whiting	659-0454
Daryl & Emma Dunsing	7509 Monroe Ave, Hammond	
Lois & Robert Shirby	6919 Ridgeland, Hammond	844-6796
Shirley Tapper	29 Warren St. Hammond	937-0918
Charles Sterling	18104 Ridgewood, Lansing	474-0203
Charles Aldrin	423 Woodlawn, Griffith	
Ron & Rosemary Clarke	7519 Jackson, Hammond	931-5964
Gene Anderson	829 State St, Hammond	933-7468
Bert Hindmarch	7018 Knickerbocker, Hammond	844-3205
Harold Story	2020 Sherwood Lake Dr. Schererville	865-8494
Marjorie Halaburt	511 - 139th St. Hammond	931-0920
Milton L. Meriam	541 - 173rd St. Hammond	932-7851
Tonie & Paul Caldwell	7218 Madison Ave. Hammond	932-1211
Albert & Esther Paschen	723 Spruce Ave. Hammond	933-0741
W. Lammering	6341 Harrison Ave, Hammond	
L. Miles	6438 Harrison Ave. Hammond	
J. Ralston Miller	37 Waltham St. Hammond	932-0554
Alice M. Bollen	7317 Magoun Ave. Hammond	845-2697
Fern Arnold	8806 Woodward, Highland	923-2045
Ruth Arnold	8806 Woodward, Highland	923-2045
Suzanne Begnoche		
Martha Studebaker	7419 Van Buren, Hammond	932-0975
Rosemary McCay	9214 Idlewild Dr. Highland	923-8442
Hazel Lindstrom	410 Conkey St., Hammond	932-8459
Evainez Jonas		
J. K. Ebert	6637 Jackson Ave, Hammond	
Marjorie Sohl	5615 Sohl Ave, Hammond	933-7424

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 1987

The regular meeting of the Hammond Historical Society was held on Sunday, March 15, 1987 in the Community Room of the Hammond Public Library. Hazel Lindstrom called the meeting to order at 2:40 p.m. Twenty-nine members and friends signed the register.

Mrs. Lindstrom read a letter from the Hammond Public Library director requesting a donation toward a \$500 matching fund goal for a grant to build a collection of books on the U.S. Constitution in celebration of the bicentennial of the constitution. A poll of the Board of Directors had voted to send a \$100 contribution.

Mrs. Lindstrom reported that two of our long-standing members were seriously ill in the hospital: Ralston Miller in St. Margaret Hospital and Emma Dunsing in Community.

Marjorie Sohl appealed for ticket support of the Hammond Achievement Award dinner on Tuesday, April 21 at which time Chef Carolyn Buster and Dr. Hedwig Kuhn will be honored.

Bert Hindmarch outlined the programs scheduled for the next three months: Sunday, April 12 (a week earlier than usual because of Easter) Sol Lerner, Professor at Purdue Calumet on the relationship of state and U.S. constitutions; Tuesday, May 12, Annual banquet at St. Paul's Episcopal Church at Hohman and Detroit with Tom Rogan as speaker from Calumet Monument Inc; Sunday, May 31, A tour of Gibson Woods Nature Preserve, 6201 Parrish Ave, Hammond, 2:30-4:30 p.m.

Bert then introduced the speaker of the day, Mrs. Florence Wahlberg of Cedar Lake to present in story and pictures the "Story of the Ice Age at Cedar Lake" which began about 14,000 years ago. The glacier left deep holes which later filled with water and became lakes. Cedar Lake became the largest such lake in Indiana, 800 acres, 20 feet deep and crystal clear. A bone of a mastodon found in the Cedar Lake area is displayed as proof this area was inhabited by them. This bone is encased in plastic now and on display in their museum.

The Armour packing company was established in Chicago in 1867. Phillip Armour saw the opportunity to harvest ice for his packing company in Chicago. Ice barns were built and farming and storing of natural ice became a big business. 150 men worked for them. By 1900 the Consumer Ice Co. was established. They worked day and night during the winter season farming and storing natural ice to use year around in the packing company in Chicago. Marsh grass and sawdust was used between the blocks. Large ice barns grew up on each side of the lake until in 1920 William Surprise was the first to build an electric refrigerator and ice barns began to be sold. The Armour boarding house was towed across the lake and anchored at the Lassen Hotel to become a lakeside dance floor. The Lassen Hotel has now become the local government center.

Mrs. Wahlberg then showed a series of 35mm slides illustrating the story of Cedar Lake history that she had just told us. She showed pictures of how the Cedar Lake Historical Society has tried to restore the buildings using mostly volunteer help and have created the Museum of Lake of the Red Cedars."



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The meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m. and coffee, tea and cookies were served.

Respectfully submitted,

*Marjorie Sohl*  
Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

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Treasurer Report

Checking	\$3,978.46
Savings	691.46
	<u>\$4,669.92</u>

Submitted by

*Ernie Jones*

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 1987  
ATTENDANCE

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>PHONE</u>
Vincent W. Smith	510 Conkey St, Hammond	931-6847
Gene Anderson	829 State St, Hammond	933-7468
Adelaide Hector	6344 Garfield Av. Hammond	931-3163
Rosemary McCay	9214 Idlewild Dr. Highland	923-8442
Winifred Lammering	6341 Harrison Av. Hammond	933-0740
Martha Studebaker	7419 Van Puren Av. Hammond	932-0975
Jeanette Corem	8122 Kooy Dr. Munster	836-5949
Jean & Alfred Hayes	1740 Oliver St, Whiting	659-6454
Lucille Friday	1805 Davis Av, Whiting	659-7575
Donna Djenka		
Roland Clarke	7519 Jackson Av, Hammond	
Thomas Rutkowski	1259 Memorial Dr, Calumet City	
Marjorie Halaburt	511 - 139th St, Hammond	
Bert Hindmarch	7018 Knickerbocker, Hammond	844-3205
Evainez Jonas	256 Detroit St, Hammond	932-5056
Kathryn Thegze	7435 Olcott Av, Hammond	844-2022
Eileen & Tom Luney	8342 Schneiber Dr. Munster	838-5860
Joe & Jeanne Wahlberg	7315 Lake Shore Dr. Cedar Lake	374-5454
Daryl Dunsing	7509 Monroe Av, Hammond	
Anthony & Olive Seidler	1811 Ridge Rd, Munster	838-5184
Paul & Doris Caldwell	7218 Madison Av, Hammond	932-1211
John & Raydelle Hershberger	7231 Howard Av, Hammond	931-8186
Marjorie Sohl	5615 Sohl Av, Hammond	933-7424



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THE TIMES Friday, April 10, 1987

## Historical society eyes Constitution

HAMMOND — The Hammond Historical Society will host a special program on the U.S. Constitution at its regular monthly meeting at 2:30 p.m. Sunday at the Hammond Public Library, 564 State St.

"The states and the creation of the U.S. Constitution of 1787" will be presented by Dr. Saul Lerner, professor of history and dean of the graduate school Purdue University Calumet, as part of Hammond's celebration of the bicentennial of the Constitution and the Northwest Ordinance.

The program will highlight the impact of the Pennsylvania and Massachusetts constitutions on the development of the U.S. Constitution.

The public is invited and refreshments will be served.

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 1987

The Hammond Historical Society met on Sunday, April 12, 1987 at 2:30 p.m. in the Hammond Public Library Community Room. Forty-three members and friends signed the attendance sheet.

Hazel Lindstrom presided. Evainez Jonas presented a treasurers report of \$4,581.51 in the treasury. Marjorie Sohl reminded members of the upcoming Hammond Achievement Award Dinner on Tuesday, April 21. Hazel Lindstrom announced the death on Friday of our membership vice-president, Roy Duke. Bert Hindmarch outlined the program for our annual dinner meeting on Tuesday, May 12 to feature Tom and Jim Rogan and the story of their family, their monument business and their work on the Vietnam memorial in Washington, D.C. He also outlined plans for the Sunday, May 31 tour of Gibson Woods Nature Preserve at 6201 Parrish Avenue at 2:30 p.m. Meet there. There will be no bus.

Bert Hindmarch introduced our speaker for the day, Dr. Sol Lerner, Associate Dean of the Graduate School of Purdue University Calumet and Professor of History who shared with us some of his work for his doctoral dissertation on the contributions of the states of Pennsylvania and Massachusetts to the Constitutional Convention. It was one of many programs that will be done this year to celebrate the 200th anniversary of the signing of the constitution as a significant, unique and effective document. Mr. Lerner portrayed the time period of 1776 to 1787, the post Revolutionary days, as the Tale of Two Cities quotation, "It was the best of times. It was the worst of times." They were desperate times. They had burned their bridges behind them and they were unclear of purpose of where they were going in government after they won the Revolution. Pennsylvania and Massachusetts experienced some of the earliest efforts of forming state governments.

In Pennsylvania the major issues of the debate were popular sovereignty vs. individual liberty. This debate at the state level between radicals and conservatives preceeded and became the basis for the compromises of the 1787 Constitution. Had it not been for the American Revolution, our government may have been patterned after the English monarchy, but the people were now willing to vocalize their desires.

John Adams wrote the first draft of the Massachutts Constitution. It was the most elaborate and most eloquent of the state constitutions. Its thirty articles of natural rights became the guide to the development of the Bill of Rights. Its structure of government with a system of checks and balances prevented tyranny and insured liberty.

Both of these states made important contributions to the debate and developing constitution at the national level.

The meeting adjourned with the serving of cookies, tea and coffee and a social period.

Respectfully submitted,

*Marjorie Sohl*

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary



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March 30, 1987

Checking	<sup>890.</sup> \$3, <del>89</del> .05
Savings	<u>691.46</u>
Total	\$4,581.51

Submitted by

Treasurer April 12, 1987

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 1987  
ATTENDANCE

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>PHONE</u>
Donna Djenka		
Tony & Olive Seidler		
Eleanor Wasmund		
Jim Wasmund		
Clarence Gehrke		
Betty Gehrke		
Fern Arnold		
Ruth Arnold		
Lenora Williamson	6630 Nevada	844-2183
Gene Anderson	829 State St.	933-7468
Lucille Friday	1805 Davis Ave. Whiting	659-7575
Jean & Alfred Hayes	1740 Oliver Ave. Whiting	659-0454
Marjorie Halaburt	511 - 139th St. Hammond	
George Nightingale	7544 Jarnecke Ave. Hammond	933-9863
Rodney Nightingale	7544 Jarnecke Ave. Hammond	933-9863
Marcia & Arthur Meyers		
Eileen & Tom Luney	8342 Schreiber Dr. Munster	838-5860
Rosemary & Averill Colby	37 Kenwood St. Hammond	932-7977
Jule Ebert	6627 Jackson Ave. Hammond	932-3029
Linda Hellems Trinkle	6816 Huron Ave. Hammond	845-3442
Kenneth Mills	8434 Jackson Ct. Munster	836-8471
Mr. & Mrs. Ron Clarke	7519 Jackson Ave. Hammond	931-5964
Isabel Webb	7019 Northcote Ave. Hammond	844-4113
Alice M. Bollin	7317 Magoun Ave. Hammond	845-2697
Daryl Dunsing	7509 Monroe Ave. Hammond	
Robert & Lois Sherby	6919 Ridgeland Ave. Hammond	844-6796
Toni & Paul Caldwell	7218 Madison Ave. Hammond	932-1211
Milton L. Meriam	541 - 173rd St. Hammond	932-7851
Mabel & Ron Hartfield	Highland	923-1458
Thomas Rutkowski	1259 Memorial Dr. Calumet City	
Matthew L. Broz, Sr.	236 Highland St. Hammond	
Hazel Lindstrom	410 Conkey St. Hammond	932-8459
Winifred Lammering	6341 Harrison Ave. Hammond	
Marjorie Sohl	5615 Sohl Avenue, Hammond	933-7424



# **Eighth Annual Hammond Achievement Award Dinner**

[1987]



Honoree:  
**Chef Carolyn Buster**

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Special Posthumous Award:

**Dr. Hedwig S. Kuhn 1895-1973**

**April 21, 1987**



## Program

Invocation..... Richard M. Schumacher  
Master of Ceremony..... Mike Hornack

### Presentation of Awards

Keys to City of Hammond..... Mayor Tom McDermott  
Testimonial for Dr. Kuhn..... Gene Anderson  
Hammond Historical Society..... Jerome F. Kutak  
For Dr. Hedwig S. Kuhn..... Dr. Arthur J. Kuhn  
Testimonials for Honoree ...

Chef Jean Banchet, La Francais Restaurant  
Sherman Kaplan, CBS News and Restaurant Critic  
Esther Fifield, State Representative, 1st District  
Paul A. Welbon, Attorney and Executive  
Harry W. Porterfield, WLS Channel 7 TV

Hammond Rotary Club President..... Tim Kelly  
Honored Guest..... Carolyn Buster

Co-Sponsored by

**The Hammond Rotary Club**

and

**The Hammond Historical Society**

Carolyn Buster, chef and co-owner of The Cottage Restaurant in Calumet City, was born and raised in Hammond where she still lives, presently in Glendale Park, the city's first Historic Preservation District. She is a 1959 Graduate of Hammond High School and also attended Purdue University Calumet. Carolyn attended cooking schools and seminars across the United States, plus the distinguished Cordon Bleu in France. In addition, she has also taught classes in various cooking schools in the Chicago area.

The Cottage opened in 1974, entirely designed and built with her aid. Carolyn's complete dedication to perfection in the culinary arts has since resulted in the receiving of numerous credits and awards from critics, fellow chefs, and various books and magazines.

Just this year The Cottage has received a nomination for the prestigious Ivy Award, given annually to four noted restaurants by the magazine Restaurants and Institutions.

Buster's accomplishments include being an honorary faculty member and the first woman invited to be a distinguished visiting chef at the Johnson and Wales Culinary Arts School, Providence, R.I.; being selected to appear on Public Broadcasting Service's "Great Chefs of Chicago" series; and being the first American chef invited to prepare dinner for the Institut de Tourisme et d'Hotellerie du Quebec, a Canadian culinary event that attracts top gastronomic society officials.

Buster also holds membership in a long list of culinary and gastronomic societies.

### Dr. Hedwig S. Kuhn

Dr. Hedwig Kuhn was born in Chicago, the daughter of the head of the University of Chicago's Chemistry Department. She graduated from Bush Medical School in 1919. She interned at Cincinnati General Hospital, where she met and married Dr. Hugh Kuhn. The couple had two sons, Dr. Robert and Dr. Arthur.

In 1921 Dr. "Hedie" returned to the midwest, where she was hired to set up a medical services system for the Hammond schools. In 1923 with her husband, she opened an eye, ear, nose, and throat clinic, but she soon settled on extensive research in diseases and cures for the eye, becoming a pioneer in industrial eye medicine. Dr. Hedwig was instrumental in the development of safety glasses.

Dr. Hedwig was concerned with all areas of safety. In 1957, she was appointed to President Eisenhower's Traffic Safety Commission. In 1965 she was named "Citizen of the Year" by the Hammond Chamber of Commerce, and in 1970 "Dr. Hedie" received the highest honor given by the National Safety Council, the "Distinguished Service to Safety Award." The same year she was inducted into the Indiana State Medical Association's "50-Year Club." Also, along with her many other commitmentss, in 1944 Dr. Hedwig published the book, Industrial Ophthalmology, which became a classic textbook in the study of this new field of medicine.

Once when asked what she would do if given time and opportunity to do anything she wished, she replied without hesitation, "Just what I am doing-practice medicine!"



# Hammond Achievement Award History

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The Hammond Achievement Award was originated as a way for the City of Hammond to honor and give recognition each year to a living man or woman who was born, raised or educated in Hammond or spent a significant number of years in Hammond; who has achieved national or international fame in the field of arts, science or business and industry; and who was not from the same field of endeavor as the previous awardee. A plaque bearing the seal of Hammond and of the United States and listing the major achievements of the recipient will be on permanent display by the Hammond Historical Society in the Community Room of the Hammond Public Library.

The first award was presented in 1980 to Irv Cross, former professional football star and current CBS sportscaster and business executive.

The 1981 award was presented to Jean Shepherd, nationally known author and humorist.

The third award was presented in 1982 to Dean H. Mitchell, former chief executive officer of Northern Indiana Public Service Company.

Honored in 1983 was Judge Luther M. Swygert, distinguished lawyer, U.S. District Judge and U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals Judge.

In 1984, Henry C. Cleveland, M.D., who has distinguished himself nationally in the fields of thoracic surgery and emergency medicine was honored.

Honored in 1985, with the fifth award, was Jules Power, a contemporary television producer with many top rated shows.

In 1986, the honoree was Charles B. Tinkham, widely proclaimed for his inspiring poetry. A Professor of English at Purdue University Calumet, he is renowned for his skill as an educator and his ability to pass his creative talents to his students.

In 1987, we honor Chef Carolyn Buster, of The Cottage Restaurant in Calumet City, Illinois. A Hammond native and current resident, she was featured on Public Television as one of the Great Chefs of Chicago.

Also in 1987, as the recipient of our First Posthumous Hammond Achievement Award, we are honoring Dr. Hedwig S. Kuhn. Dr. Kuhn (1895-1973), was co-founder of the Kuhn Clinic, author, ophthalmologist, philanthropist, instrumental in the development of safety glasses in industry. Received the "Distinguished Service to Safety Award" from the National Safety Council.

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
TUESDAY, MAY 12, 1987  
ANNUAL MEETING

The twenty-seventh annual dinner meeting of the Hammond Historical Society was held on Tuesday, May 12, 1987 at 6:30 p.m. at the St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 6043 Hohman Avenue, Hammond. The dinner chairman, Averill Colby, welcomed 83 members and guests to the church hall where Rev. John Blakslee gave the invocation and a delicious dinner was served by the women of the church.

The business meeting followed. The minutes had been published in the bulletin. The treasurer's report was published on the program for the dinner. Hazel Lindstrom summarized her year and read a letter of appreciation recently received from Dr. Arthur Kuhn for the Hammond Achievement Award recently awarded his mother posthumously, Hedwig Kuhn. Ron Clarke presented the following report of the nominating committee:

President - Averill Colby  
1st Vice President - Bert Hindmarch  
2nd Vice President - Donna Djenka  
3rd Vice President - Roger Reeder  
4th Vice President - Jules Ebert  
5th Vice President - Antoinette Caldwell  
Secretary - Marjorie Sohl  
Treasurer - Evainez Jonas

Directors -

'84 - '88 Gene Anderson (Replacing Donna Djenka)  
'86 - '90 Mark Ferrari (Replacing Ethel Wilhelm)  
'87 - '91 Calvin Bellamy  
Jerome Kutak  
Saul Lerner  
Hazel Lindstrom  
Harold Story

There being no nominations from the floor, the secretary was instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for the slate as nominated.

Isabel Webb conducted a meaningful memorial service for the five members who died during the past year: Roy Duke, Caroline Ebert, Cleta Kindle, Theodore Shatkowski, and Virgil Woodward.

Mr. Colby honored seven past presidents of the society that were present and in so doing, Mr. Mack presented the society with a picture of the old Calumet Avenue bridge and Mrs. Mack gave them an early century plate of The Lion Store.

Rev. John Blakslee was called upon for a brief history of St. Paul's church. Since St. Paul's church is celebrating its centennial year next year, 1988, Rev. Blakslee called up Cornelius House who is serving as the church historian and preparing a book for that occasion. It is about 2/3 finished. Mr. House attempted to present a 10 minute summary of 100 years of history. The church was organized as a mission church on July 15, 1888. Two lots were donated and a first church was erected to seat 225 at a cost of \$2,000.00. The church roster grew rapidly and contained the names of many prominent families of early Hammond. The new site at Hohman and Detroit was selected and the first service held there on November 12, 1922. The



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Rimbach Street property was sold to Neidow Funeral Home. W. B. Conkey died in 1923 and in 1925 Mrs. Conkey bought the organ for the new church as a memorial to him. Rev. Peter Langeudoff came to lead the church (in 1929) for many years. The historian ended his history at that point, to be continued next year when the history is published.

James and Thomas Rogan were introduced to jointly present the story of the Rogan Family. Tom gave the family background of what is today the Rogan Granite Industries. Both sides of his family, the Rogans and the Dahls, descended from stone cutters but his father started out to be an engineer on the CJ & E Railroad. When he was layed off there, he got a part time job in 1936 selling tombstones on commission for the Wonderlich Granite Co. In 1941 he moved to Hammond to the Calumet Monumental Works.

Jim picked up the story of the family in 1945 when the family built their own cutting and lettering shop and they learned to save money by buying stones with mistakes or misspelled names on them. In 1951 they opened an office in Merrillville across from Calumet Park and their mother was involved in the business. Their father had a heart attack in 1964 and died in 1968. In 1974 they bought the Keilman Block Company on Route 30 near The Log and there started to manufacture slab stone, and got into contemporary stone.

The Rogan boys were ready with the knowledge of granite when the Vietnam memorial came along. They got the contract and they tied the quarry up for a year. They knew the source of the black granite in India. Scandinavian granite was too small of blocks and South Africa had the black problem. They went to India and showed them how to fabricate it. It was mined in India, fabricated in Vermont and lettered in Tennessee with a photosensitive process.

A nation wide contest was held to design the memorial. There were 3,000 entries that took 2½ months to judge blindly in an airplane hanger. A 21 year old Oriental girl architectural student at Yale won the design contest. It was very controversial, called the "Black Wall of Shame," "Ugly," "The Gash." The black granite is like a mirror, part of the quiet effect. You see your own reflection in it and you become involved in the effect. A whole "Happening" takes place there and you become emotionally involved in the Black Gash.

The handling of the material for the monument brought the Rogans national fame for their knowledge of how to treat marble and has resulted in their receiving other contracts because of their expertise. The story is written up in the May, 1985, National Geographic.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
DINNER RESERVATIONS  
MAY 12, 1987

Gene Anderson  
Fern Arnold  
Foster Arnold  
Ruth Arnold  
Father Blakslee  
Alice Bollin  
Florence Bond  
Mrs. Paul Caldwell  
Ron Clarke  
Rosemary Clarke  
Averill Colby  
Charles Dahlin  
Donna Djenka  
Daryl Dunsing  
Jule Ebert  
Mark Ferrari  
Lorraine Ferrari  
Dan Fort  
Lucille Friday  
Marjorie Halaburt  
Ed Hanish  
Mrs. Ed Hanish  
Ray Hartfield  
Mabel Hartfield  
Alfred Hayes  
Jean Hayes  
Wallace Hector  
Wallace Hector  
Bert Hindmarch  
Margery Hindmarch  
Mr. House  
Bob Hutton  
Willard Jonas  
Evainez Jonas  
Carl Kasper  
Rita Kasper  
Mr. Kindle  
Winifred Lammering  
Hazel Lindstrom  
Tom Luney  
Eileen Luney  
Rosemary Mccay  
Verlyn Mack  
Grace Mack  
William May  
Barbara May  
Arthur Meyers  
Marcia Meyers  
Mr. Morgan  
Mrs. Morgan

Edith Rich  
Mrs. Jim Rogan  
Jim Rogan  
Sue Rogan  
Tom Rogan  
Mrs. Tom Rogan  
Mary Ruch  
Mr. See  
Mrs. See  
Tony Seidler  
Mrs. Tony Seidler  
Robert Sherby  
Lois Sherby  
Roger Smithy  
Dorothy Smithy  
Marjorie Sohl  
Melvin Spangler  
Emma Spangler  
Harold Story  
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John Swanton  
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Kathryn Thegze  
Harold Wagner  
Helen Wagner  
Isabel Webb  
Richard Yates  
Allen Zdatovich



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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

MAY 1, 1986 TO APRIL 30, 1987

BALANCE ON HAND APRIL 30, 1986.....\$4,419.35

RECEIPTS:

DUES	1,039.00
BANK INTEREST	203.16
BOOK SALES	83.00
DINNERS	303.00
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	1,628.16

DISBURSEMENTS:

POSTAGE	82.59
NEWSLETTER	218.14
SUPPLIES	26.40
DINNERS	308.00
BANK CHARGES	41.85
MISCELLANEOUS	160.18
DONATIONS	100.00
CABINETS	190.00
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	1,127.16

BALANCE CHECKING	\$4,211.55
BALANCE SAVINGS ACCOUNT	709.80
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BALANCE ON HAND APRIL 30, 1987	\$4,920.35
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## Sammond Historical Society 1987-88 Officers

President	Averill Colby
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice - President	Bert Hindmarch
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice - President	Donna Djenka
3 <sup>rd</sup> Vice - President	Roger Reeder
4 <sup>th</sup> Vice - President	Jules Ebert
5 <sup>th</sup> Vice - President	Antoinette Caldwell
Secretary	Marjorie Sahl
Treasurer	Evainez Jonas

## Directors

1984-88	Gene Anderson (replaces Donna Djenka)
1986-90	Mark Ferrari (replaces Ethel Wilhelm)
1987-91	Calvin Bellamy Jerome Kutak Saul Lerner Hazel Lindstrom Harold Story

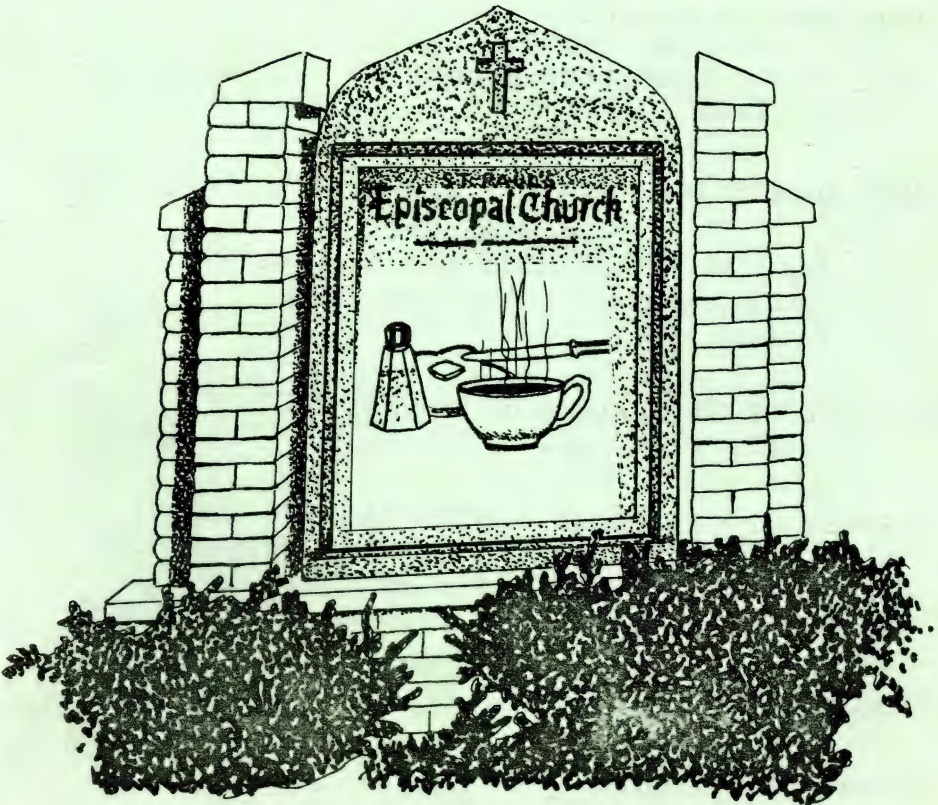


# HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Twenty-Seventh Annual Dinner Meeting

## MAY 12th

6:30 pm



HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
27th ANNUAL DINNER MEETING  
May 12th, 1987 6:30 p.m.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church  
6043 Hohman Avenue, Hammond

WELCOME.....Averill Colby

INVOCATION.....Rev. John Blakslee

\* DINNER \*

BUSINESS MEETING AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Minutes of Previous Annual Meeting

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

Annual Financial Report

Evainez Jonas, Treasurer

President's Report

Hazel Lindstrom, President

Nominating Committee Report

Roland Clarke

MEMORIAL SERVICE.....Mrs. Isabel Webb

In Memory of:

Roy Duke

Theodore Shatkowski

Caroline Ebert

Virgil Woodward

Cleta Kindle

"HISTORY OF ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH"

.....Rev. John Blakslee

"HISTORY OF THE ROGAN FAMILY AND THE ROGAN

GRANITE INDUSTRIES INVOLVEMENT IN THE CON-

STRUCTION OF THE VIETNAM MEMORIAL IN

WASHINGTON, D.C.....James and Thomas Rogan

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

1995  
OFFICERS 1986 - 1987

President.....Hazel Lindstrom

1st Vice President.....Bert Hindmarch

2nd Vice President.....Roy Duke

3rd Vice President.....Roger Reeder

4th Vice President.....Jules Ebert

5th Vice President.....Averill Colby

Secretary.....Marjorie Sohl

Treasurer.....Evainez Jonas

DIRECTORS

Term thru May, 1987

Mr. Calvin Bellamy

Mr. Jerome Kutak

Mr. Saul Lerner

Mr. Theodore Shatkowski

Mr. Harold Story

Term thru May, 1988

Ms. Alice Bollin

Ms. Donna Djenka

Mr. Daryl Dunsing

Mr. Tom Rutkowski

Mrs. Isabel Well

Term thru May, 1989

Mr. Roland Clarke

Mr. Edward Hanish

Mr. Alfred Hayes

Mrs. Tom Luney

Mrs. Marie Wilhelm

Term thru May, 1990

Mr. William McNabney

Mr. J. Ralston Miller

Mr. Melvin Spangler

Mrs. Kathryn Thegze

Ms. Ethel Wilhelm



FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
May 1, 1986 to April 30, 1987

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BALANCE ON HAND April 30, 1986.....\$4,419.35

RECEIPTS:

Dues.....	\$1,039.00
Bank Interest.....	203.16
Book Sales.....	83.00
Dinners.....	<u>303.00</u>
Total Receipts	\$1,628.16

DISBURSEMENTS:

Postage.....	\$ 82.59
Newsletter.....	218.14
Supplies.....	26.40
Dinners.....	308.00
Bank Charges.....	41.85
Miscellaneous.....	160.18
Donations.....	100.00
Cabinets.....	<u>190.00</u>
Total Disbursements	\$1,127.16

Balance Checking Account \$4,211.55

Balance Savings Account \$ 709.80

BALANCE ON HAND April 30, 1987 \$4,920.35

PAST PRESIDENTS  
1959 to 1985

Mr. John Wilhelm\*  
Mr. Warren A. Reeder, Jr.\*  
Mr. Edward B. Hayward\*  
Mrs. Vincent Bower  
Mr. George Nelson  
Mr. Anton Tapper\*  
Mrs. Mary Peters\*  
Mrs. Harry Wilson\*  
Mr. Walter Bell\*  
Mrs. Henry Cleveland  
Miss Marjorie Sohl  
Mr. Gordon Whitney

Mr. Verlyn Mack  
Mrs. Nina Cravens  
Mrs. Leona Schreiber  
Mr. Kurt Marx\*  
Miss Fern Arnold  
Mrs. Willard Jonas  
Mrs. Grace Mack  
Mr. Charles McGregor\*  
Mr. Jules Ebert  
Mr. Bert Hindmarch  
Mr. Jerome Kutak  
Mr. Roger Reeder  
Mr. Theodore Shatkowski\*

\*Deceased\*

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THE TIMES Thursday, May 28, 1987

## Places to go

□ HAMMOND — The Hammond Historical Society will meet Sunday at the Gibson Woods Nature Preserve, 6201 Parrish Ave., from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.

The program will include an introduction to the nature preserve, an educational slide program, visits to the various displays in the nature center, and a half-mile hike.

Reservations are encouraged and can be made by contacting Marjorie Sohl at the main branch of the Hammond Public Library. A small fee will be charged.



HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
GIBSON WOODS NATURE CENTER  
Sunday, May 31, 1987

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The Hammond Historical Society sponsored a tour of the Gibson Woods Nature Center at 6201 Parrish Avenue from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. on Sunday, May 31, 1987. Fourteen attended.

*Tom Ross*  
A nature center employee gave a introduction to the nature center, told how it was started on property originally acquired to enlarge the Gibson Railroad Yards, and how it's now being maintained to preserve some of the flora native to the area. Following his presentation, the group looked at the exhibits in the clubhouse and went on a short hike down one of the trails to observe some of what he described in his comments. Upon return to the clubhouse, iced tea and cookies were enjoyed.

Respectfully submitted,

*Marjorie Sohl*

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
GIBSON WOODS NATURE CENTER  
May 31, 1987

Name

Bert & Marjorie Hindmarch  
Irene Jackim  
Marjorie Sohl  
Hazel Lindstrom  
Winifred Lammering  
Donna Djenka  
Tony & Olive Seidler  
Gene Anderson  
Ruby Prince  
Patty & Sam Danisiuk  
Thomas Rutkowski

Address

7018 Knickerbocker Parkway, Hammond  
3929 Henry St., Hammond  
5615 Sohl Ave., Hammond  
410 Conkey St., Hammond  
6341 Harrison St., Hammond  
6321 Garfield Ave., Hammond  
1811 Ridge Road, Munster  
829 State St., Hammond  
1033 Spruce St., Hammond  
2441 - 169th St., Hammond  
1259 Memorial Dr., Calumet City, IL



# Fans of fossils ought to dig weekend event

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## Rock hounds called to visit 'Fossil Fest'

8/28/89

By SHEILA ELLIOTT  
Times Correspondent

HAMMOND — You won't find them listed on any pedigree chart, but this weekend hundreds of rock hounds could descend upon Gibson Woods Environmental Awareness Center, 6201 Parrish Ave. in Hammond's Hessville section.

About 300 to 400 rock, gem and fossil collectors are expected to attend the third annual Gibson Woods "Fossil Fest," according to the Center's Outdoor Education Supervisor Susan Veenstra.

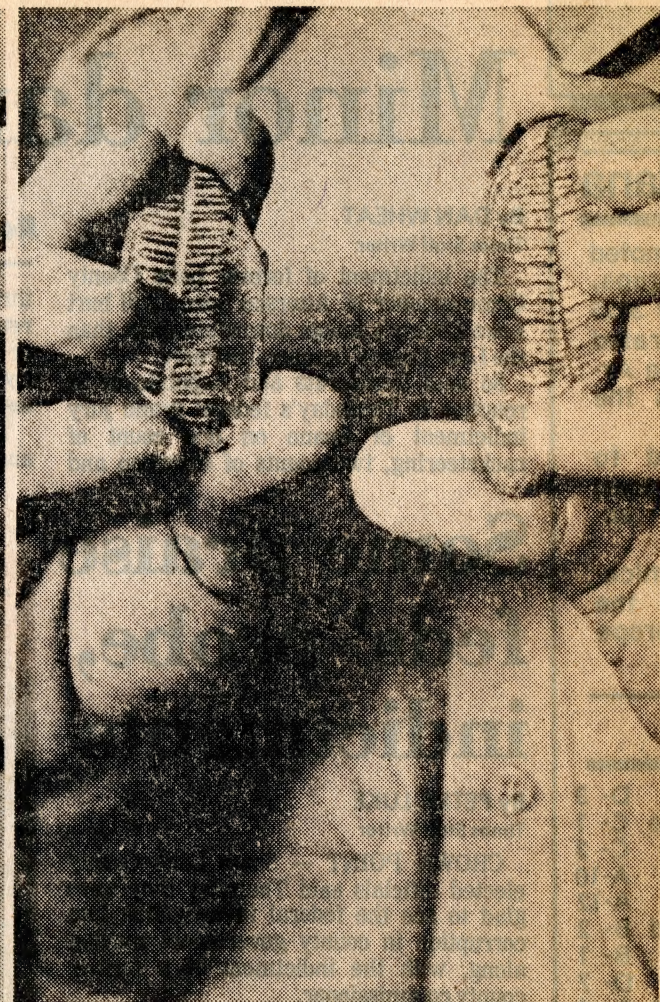
Fossil Fest events run from 12 noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

Featured at the three-day festival will be approximately two dozen displays of rock and fossil samples from the collections of area residents, slide and lecture presentations on different aspects of the paleontology and geological sciences, and craft demonstrations.

For the younger set a fossil dig at the center's ground is planned.

Veenstra says that the whole purpose of the Fossil Fest is to give area residents a chance to learn about rock collecting — a pastime that can be as accessible as your own backyard and shared by the entire family.

As a member and past officer of the Calumet Gem and Mineralogical Society, Betty Helminski said she will be displaying some of her family's fossil samples at the festival.



Times photos by Mary Anne Prashina

### Tom Ross of the Lake County Parks and Recreation Department shows off mastadon bone and plant fossils

"It's a tremendous experience," she said, "when you see what beautiful things a slice of rock can reveal. When you open a fossil and realize you're the first person to see what was living there millions of years ago, it really is exciting," she said.

Gibson Woods Outdoor Education Programmer Tom Ross said that, in addition to the exhibits, a main focus of this year's Fossil Fest will be a "hands on" instructional events to help participants, particularly children, understand basic concepts about geology and paleontology as sciences.

"All kids are fascinated by the dinosaur," Ross said. "Most adults are interested in the dinosaurs, for that matter," he said.

A "Dinosaur Detective" program, which will be held at 2 p.m. each day, is a workshop to introduce children to a paleon-

tologist's research techniques and how they formulate their theories.

In a "Fossil Dig," which begins at 3 p.m. each festival day, children will have the chance to hunt for simulated fossil samples on the Gibson Center grounds, and learn techniques of scientific identification.